

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
RD PETITION

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Case No. **01-RD-278408**
Date Filed **6/11/2021**

INSTRUCTIONS: Unless e-Filed using the Agency's website, www.nlr.gov, submit an original of this Petition to an NLRB office in the Region in which the employer concerned is located. The petition must be accompanied by both a showing of interest (see 6b below) and a certificate of service showing service on the employer and all other parties named in the petition of: (1) the petition; (2) Statement of Position form (Form NLRB-505); and (3) Description of Representation Case Procedures (Form NLRB 4812). The showing of interest should only be filed with the NLRB and should not be served on the employer or any other party.

1. PURPOSE OF THIS PETITION: RD- DECERTIFICATION (REMOVAL OF REPRESENTATIVE) - A substantial number of employees assert that the certified or currently recognized bargaining representative is no longer their representative. The Petitioner alleges that the following circumstances exist and requests that the National Labor Relations Board proceed under its proper authority pursuant to Section 9 of the National Labor Relations Act.

2a. Name of Employer
Wild Oats Cooperative INC

2b. Address(es) of Establishment(s) involved (Street and number, city, State, ZIP code)
320 Main Street
MA Williamstown 01267

3a. Employer Representative - Name and Title
Netse Ly Le General Manager

3b. Address (If same as 2b - state same)
320 Main Street
MA Williamstown 01267

3c. Tel. No.
(413) 458-8060

3d. Cell No.

3e. Fax No.

3f. E-Mail Address
gm@wildoats.coop

4a. Type of Establishment (Factory, mine, wholesaler, etc)
Retail (Grocery)

4b. Principal product or service

5a. City and State where unit is located:
North Adams, MA

5b. Description of Unit Involved

Included:

Excluded:

6a. No. of Employees in Unit
30

6b. Do a substantial number (30% or more) of the employees in the unit no longer wish to be represented by the certified or currently recognized bargaining representative? Yes [] No []

Check One: ☐ **7a. Request for recognition as Bargaining Representative was made on (Date) _____ and Employer declined recognition on or about (Date) (If no reply received, so state).**

☒ **7b. Petitioner is currently recognized as Bargaining Representative and desires certification under the Act.**

8a. Name of Recognized or Certified Bargaining Agent
UFCW Local 1459 Crystal Bouchie Union Representative

8b. Address
33 Eastland Street
MA Springfield 01109

8c. Tel No.

8d. Cell No.

8e. Fax No.

8f. E-Mail Address
chouchie@ufcw1459.com

8g. Affiliation, if any
Canadian Labour Congress, AFI-CIO, Uni Global Union, IUW

8h. Date of Recognition or Certification
01/05/2018

8i. Expiration Date of Current or Most Recent Contract, if any (Month, Day, Year)
06/04/2021

9. Is there now a strike or picketing at the Employer's establishment(s) involved? No If so, approximately how many employees are participating?
(Name of labor organization) _____ has picketed the Employer since (Month, Day, Year) _____

10. Organizations or individuals other than those named in items 8 and 9, which have claimed recognition as representatives and other organizations and individuals known to have a representative interest in any employees in the unit described in item 5b above. (If none, so state)

10a. Name

10b. Address

10c. Tel. No.

10d. Cell No.

10e. Fax No.

10f. E-Mail Address

11. Election Details: If the NLRB conducts an election in this matter, state your position with respect to any such election.

11a. Election Type ☒ Manual ☐ Mail ☐ Mixed Manual/Mail

11b. Election Date(s): any

11c. Election Time(s): any

11d. Election Location(s):
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12a. Full Name of Petitioner (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12b. Address (street and number, city, state, and ZIP code)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12c. Full name of national or international labor organization of which Petitioner is an affiliate or constituent (if none, so state) MA North Adams 01247

United Food and Commercial Workers

12d. Tel No.
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12e. Cell No.

12f. Fax No.

12g. E-Mail Address
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

13. Representative of the Petitioner who will accept service of all papers for purposes of the representation proceeding.

13a. Name and Title

13b. Address (street and number, city, state, and ZIP code)

13c. Tel No.

13d. Cell No.

13e. Fax No.

13f. E-Mail Address

I declare that I have read the above petition and that the statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name (Print)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Signature
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Title

Date
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WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENT: THIS PETITION CAN BE PUNISHED BY FINE AND IMPRISONMENT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 18, SECTION 1001)

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Solicitation of the information on this form is authorized by the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), 29 U.S.C. § 151 et seq. The principal use of the information is to assist the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in processing representation and related proceedings or litigation. The routine uses for the information are fully set forth in the Federal Register, 71 Fed. Reg. 74942-43 (Dec. 13, 2006). The NLRB will further explain these uses upon request. Disclosure of this information to the NLRB is voluntary; however, failure to supply the information will cause the NLRB to decline to invoke its processes.

Attachment

Employees Included
all who are not managers

Employees Excluded
managers

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**PETITION FOR DECERTIFICATION (RD) -- REMOVAL OF
REPRESENTATIVE**

The undersigned employees of Wild Oats Market (employer name) do not want to be represented by UFCW, Local 1459 (union name).

Should the undersigned employees make up 30% or more (and less than 50%) of the bargaining unit represented by UFCW (union name), the undersigned employees hereby petition the National Labor Relations Board to hold a decertification election to determine whether a majority of employees no longer wish to be represented by this union.

Should the undersigned employees make up 50% or more of the bargaining unit represented by UFCW (union name), the undersigned employees hereby request that Wild Oats Market (employer name) withdraw recognition from this union immediately, as it does not enjoy the support of a majority of employees in the bargaining unit.

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Hartford, CT 06103-3078

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June 11, 2021

URGENT

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Re: Wild Oats Cooperative INC
Case 01-RD-278408

Dear (b) (6), (b) (7)(C):

The enclosed petition that you filed with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) has been assigned the above case number. This letter tells you how to contact the Board agent who will be handling this matter; explains your obligation to provide the originals of the showing of interest and the requirement that you complete and serve a Responsive Statement of Position form in response to each timely filed and served Statement(s) of Position; notifies you of a hearing; describes the employer's obligation to post and distribute a Notice of Petition for Election, complete a Statement of Position and provide a voter list; requests that you provide certain information; notifies you of your right to be represented; and discusses some of our procedures including how to submit documents to the NLRB.

Investigator: This petition will be investigated by Field Examiner Lindsey E. Kotulski whose telephone number is (959)200-7369. The Board agent will contact you shortly to discuss processing the petition. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Board agent. The Board agent may also contact you and the other party or parties to schedule a conference meeting or telephonic or video conference for some time before the close of business the day following receipt of the final Responsive Statement(s) of Position. This will give the parties sufficient time to determine if any issues can be resolved prior to hearing or if a hearing is necessary. If the agent is not available, you may contact Supervisory Field Examiner Dina M. Raimo Pelham whose telephone number is (959)200-7377. If appropriate, the NLRB attempts to schedule an election either by agreement of the parties or by holding a hearing and then directing an election.

Showing of Interest: If the Showing of Interest you provided in support of your petition was submitted electronically or by fax, the original documents which constitute the Showing of Interest containing handwritten signatures must be delivered to the Regional office within **2 business days**. If the originals are not received within that time the Region will dismiss your petition.

Notice of Hearing: Enclosed is a Notice of Representation Hearing to be conducted at **10:00 AM on Thursday, July 1, 2021 at Via Zoom, A.A. Ribicoff Federal Building, 450 Main Street, Suite 410, Hartford, CT 06103**, if the parties do not voluntarily agree to an election. If a hearing is necessary, the hearing will run on consecutive days until concluded unless the regional director concludes that extraordinary circumstances warrant otherwise. Before the hearing begins, we will continue to explore potential areas of agreement with the parties in order to reach an election agreement and to eliminate or limit the costs associated with formal hearings.

Upon request of a party showing good cause, the regional director may postpone the hearing. A party desiring a postponement should make the request to the regional director in writing, set forth in detail the grounds for the request, and include the positions of the other parties regarding the postponement. E-Filing the request is required. A copy of the request must be served simultaneously on all the other parties, and that fact must be noted in the request.

Posting and Distribution of Notice: The Employer must post the enclosed Notice of Petition for Election by June 18, 2021 in conspicuous places, including all places where notices to employees are customarily posted. If it customarily communicates electronically with its employees in the petitioned-for unit, it must also distribute the notice electronically to them. The Employer must maintain the posting until the petition is dismissed or withdrawn or this notice is replaced by the Notice of Election. Failure to post or distribute the notice may be grounds for setting aside the election if proper and timely objections are filed.

Statement of Position: In accordance with Section 102.63(b) of the Board's Rules, the Employer and the Union are required to complete the enclosed Statement of Position form, have it signed by an authorized representative, and file a completed copy with any necessary attachments, with this office and serve it on all parties named in the petition by **noon Eastern Time on June 23, 2021**. The Statement of Position must include a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, and job classifications of all individuals in the proposed unit as of the payroll period preceding the filing of the petition who remain employed at the time of filing. If the Employer contends that the proposed unit is inappropriate, it must separately list the full names, work locations, shifts and job classifications of all individuals that it contends must be added to the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. The Employer must also indicate those individuals, if any, whom it believes must be excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit.

Required Responsive Statement of Position (RSOP): In accordance with Section 102.63(b) of the Board's Rules, following timely filing and service of a Statement of Position, the petitioner is required to complete the enclosed Responsive Statement of Position form addressing issues raised in any Statement(s) of Position. The petitioner must file a complete, signed RSOP in response to all other parties' timely filed and served Statement of Position, with all required attachments, with this office and serve it on all parties named in the petition such that it is received by them by **noon Eastern Time on June 28, 2021**. This form solicits information that will facilitate entry into election agreements or streamline the pre-election hearing if the parties are unable to enter into an election agreement. **This form must be e-Filed, but unlike other e-Filed documents, will not be timely if filed on the due date but after noon Eastern**

Time. If you have questions about this form or would like assistance in filling out this form, please contact the Board agent named above.

Failure to Supply Information: Failure to supply the information requested by the RSOP form may preclude you from litigating issues under Section 102.66(d) of the Board's Rules and Regulations. Section 102.66(d) provides as follows:

A party shall be precluded from raising any issue, presenting any evidence relating to any issue, cross-examining any witness concerning any issue, and presenting argument concerning any issue that the party failed to raise in its timely Statement of Position or to place in dispute in response to another party's Statement of Position or response, except that no party shall be precluded from contesting or presenting evidence relevant to the Board's statutory jurisdiction to process the petition. Nor shall any party be precluded, on the grounds that a voter's eligibility or inclusion was not contested at the pre-election hearing, from challenging the eligibility of any voter during the election. If a party contends that the proposed unit is not appropriate in its Statement of Position but fails to specify the classifications, locations, or other employee groupings that must be added to or excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit, the party shall also be precluded from raising any issue as to the appropriateness of the unit, presenting any evidence relating to the appropriateness of the unit, cross-examining any witness concerning the appropriateness of the unit, and presenting argument concerning the appropriateness of the unit. If the employer fails to timely furnish the lists of employees described in §§ 102.63(b)(1)(iii), (b)(2)(iii), or (b)(3)(iii), the employer shall be precluded from contesting the appropriateness of the proposed unit at any time and from contesting the eligibility or inclusion of any individuals at the pre-election hearing, including by presenting evidence or argument, or by cross-examination of witnesses.

Voter List: If an election is held in this matter, the Employer must transmit to this office and to the other parties to the election, an alphabetized list of the full names and addresses of all eligible voters, including their shifts, job classifications, work locations, and other contact information including available personal email addresses and available personal home and cellular telephone numbers. Usually, the list must be furnished within 2 business days of the issuance of the Decision and Direction of Election or approval of an election agreement. The list must be electronically filed with the Region and served electronically on the other parties. To guard against potential abuse, this list may not be used for purposes other than the representation proceeding, NLRB proceedings arising from it or other related matters.

Under existing NLRB practice, an election is not ordinarily scheduled for a date earlier than 10 days after the date when the Employer must file the voter list with the Regional Office. However, a petitioner and/or union entitled to receive the voter list may waive all or part of the 10-day period by executing Form NLRB-4483, which is available on the NLRB's website or from an NLRB office. A waiver will not be effective unless all parties who are entitled to the voter list agree to waive the same number of days.

Information Needed Now: Please submit to this office, as soon as possible, the following information needed to handle this matter:

- (a) The correct name of the Union as stated in its constitution or bylaws.
- (b) A copy of any existing or recently expired collective-bargaining agreements, and any amendments or extensions, or any recognition agreements covering any employees in the petitioned-for unit.
- (c) If potential voters will need notices or ballots translated into a language other than English, the names of those languages and dialects, if any.
- (d) The name and contact information for any other labor organization (union) claiming to represent or have an interest in any of the employees in the petitioned-for unit and for any employer who may be a joint employer of the employees in the proposed unit. Failure to disclose the existence of an interested party may delay the processing of the petition.

Right to Representation: You have the right to be represented by an attorney or other representative in any proceeding before the NLRB. In view of our policy of processing these cases expeditiously, if you wish to be represented, you should obtain representation promptly. Your representative must notify us in writing of this fact as soon as possible by completing Form NLRB-4701, Notice of Appearance. This form is available on our website, www.nlr.gov, or from an NLRB office upon your request.

If someone contacts you about representing you in this case, please be assured that no organization or person seeking your business has any “inside knowledge” or favored relationship with the NLRB. Their knowledge regarding this matter was obtained only through access to information that must be made available to any member of the public under the Freedom of Information Act.

Procedures: Pursuant to Section 102.5 of the Board’s Rules and Regulations, parties must submit all documentary evidence, including statements of position, exhibits, sworn statements, and/or other evidence, by electronically submitting (E-Filing) them through the Agency’s web site (www.nlr.gov). You must e-file all documents electronically or provide a written statement explaining why electronic submission is not possible or feasible. Failure to comply with Section 102.5 will result in rejection of your submission. The Region will make its determinations solely based on the documents and evidence properly submitted. All evidence submitted electronically should be in the form in which it is normally used and maintained in the course of business (i.e., native format). Where evidence submitted electronically is not in native format, it should be submitted in a manner that retains the essential functionality of the native format (i.e., in a machine-readable and searchable electronic format). If you have questions about the submission of evidence or expect to deliver a large quantity of electronic records, please promptly contact the Board agent investigating the petition.

Information about the NLRB and our customer service standards is available on our website, www.nlr.gov, or from an NLRB office upon your request. We can provide assistance

for persons with limited English proficiency or disability. Please let us know if you or any of your witnesses would like such assistance.

Very truly yours,

Paul J. Murphy
Acting Regional Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael C. Cass". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

By:
Michael C. Cass
Officer in Charge

Enclosures

1. Petition
2. Notice of Petition for Election (Form 5492)
3. Notice of Representation Hearing
4. Description of Procedures in Certification and Decertification Cases (Form 4812)
5. Statement of Position form and Commerce Questionnaire (Form 505)
6. Responsive Statement of Position (Form 506)



National Labor Relations Board



NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ELECTION

This notice is to inform employees that Wild Oats Market has filed a petition with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), a Federal agency, in Case 01-RD-278408 seeking an election to determine if the employees of Wild Oats Cooperative INC in the unit set forth below wish to be represented by UFCW Local 1459 for the purposes of collective bargaining:

Included: all who are not managers Excluded: managers

This notice also provides you with information about your basic rights under the National Labor Relations Act, the processing of the petition, and rules to keep NLRB elections fair and honest.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT under Federal Law

- To self-organization
- To form, join, or assist labor organizations
- To bargain collectively through representatives of your own choosing
- To act together for the purposes of collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection
- To refuse to do any or all of these things unless the union and employer, in a state where such agreements are permitted, enter into a lawful union-security agreement requiring employees to pay periodic dues and initiation fees. Nonmembers who inform the union that they object to the use of their payments for nonrepresentational purposes may be required to pay only their share of the union's costs of representational activities (such as collective bargaining, contract administration, and grievance adjustments).

PROCESSING THIS PETITION

Elections do not necessarily occur in all cases after a petition is filed. **NO FINAL DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE YET** regarding the appropriateness of the proposed unit or whether an election will be held in this matter. If appropriate, the NLRB will first see if the parties will enter into an election agreement that specifies the method, date, time, and location of an election and the unit of employees eligible to vote. If the parties do not enter into an election agreement, usually a hearing is held to receive evidence on the appropriateness of the unit and other issues in dispute. After a hearing, an election may be directed by the NLRB, if appropriate.

IF AN ELECTION IS HELD, it will be conducted by the NLRB by secret ballot and Notices of Election will be posted before the election giving complete details for voting.

ELECTION RULES

The NLRB applies rules that are intended to keep its elections fair and honest and that result in a free choice. If agents of any party act in such a way as to interfere with your right to a free

election, the election can be set aside by the NLRB. Where appropriate the NLRB provides other remedies, such as reinstatement for employees fired for exercising their rights, including backpay from the party responsible for their discharge.

The following are examples of conduct that interfere with employees' rights and may result in setting aside the election:

- Threatening loss of jobs or benefits by an employer or a union
- Promising or granting promotions, pay raises, or other benefits, to influence an employee's vote by a party capable of carrying out such promises
- An employer firing employees to discourage or encourage union activity or a union causing them to be fired to encourage union activity
- Making campaign speeches to assembled groups of employees on company time, where attendance is mandatory, within the 24-hour period before the polls for the election first open or, if the election is conducted by mail, from the time and date the ballots are scheduled to be sent out by the Region until the time and date set for their return
- Incitement by either an employer or a union of racial or religious prejudice by inflammatory appeals
- Threatening physical force or violence to employees by a union or an employer to influence their votes

Please be assured that IF AN ELECTION IS HELD, every effort will be made to protect your right to a free choice under the law. Improper conduct will not be permitted. All parties are expected to cooperate fully with the NLRB in maintaining basic principles of a fair election as required by law. The NLRB as an agency of the United States Government does not endorse any choice in the election.

For additional information about the processing of petitions, go to www.nlr.gov or contact the NLRB at (860)240-3522.

THIS IS AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT NOTICE AND MUST NOT BE DEFACED BY ANYONE. IT MUST REMAIN POSTED WITH ALL PAGES SIMULTANEOUSLY VISIBLE UNTIL REPLACED BY THE NOTICE OF ELECTION OR THE PETITION IS DISMISSED OR WITHDRAWN.



National Labor Relations Board





**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
SUBREGION 34**



WILD OATS COOPERATIVE INC Employer and WILD OATS MARKET Petitioner and UFCW LOCAL 1459 Union	Case 01-RD-278408
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NOTICE OF REPRESENTATION HEARING

The Petitioner filed the attached petition pursuant to Section 9(c) of the National Labor Relations Act. It appears that a question affecting commerce exists as to whether the employees in the unit described in the petition wish to be represented by a collective-bargaining representative as defined in Section 9(a) of the Act.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that, pursuant to Sections 3(b) and 9(c) of the Act, at 10:00 a.m. on **Thursday, July 1, 2021** and on consecutive days thereafter until concluded, at the National Labor Relations Board offices located at the A.A. Ribicoff Federal Building, 450 Main Street, Suite 410, Hartford, Connecticut, a hearing will be conducted via a **Zoom Conference Platform**, before a hearing officer of the National Labor Relations Board. **Details related to the virtual hearing will be provided at a later date.** At the hearing, the parties will have the right to appear in person or otherwise and give testimony.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, pursuant to Section 102.63(b) of the Board's Rules and Regulations, Wild Oats Cooperative INC and UFCW Local 1459 must complete the Statement of Position and file it and all attachments with the Regional Director and serve it on the parties listed on the petition such that is received by them by no later than **noon** Eastern time on June 23, 2021. Following timely filing and service of a Statement of Position by Wild Oats Cooperative INC and UFCW Local 1459, the Petitioner must complete its Responsive Statement of Position(s) responding to the issues raised in the Employer's and/or Union's Statement of Position and file them and all attachments with the Regional Director and serve them on the parties named in the petition such they are received by them no later than **noon** Eastern on June 28, 2021.

Pursuant to Section 102.5 of the Board's Rules and Regulations, all documents filed in cases before the Agency must be filed by electronically submitting (E-Filing) through the Agency's website (www.nlrb.gov), unless the party filing the document does not have access

to the means for filing electronically or filing electronically would impose an undue burden. Documents filed by means other than E-Filing must be accompanied by a statement explaining why the filing party does not have access to the means for filing electronically or filing electronically would impose an undue burden. Detailed instructions for using the NLRB's E-Filing system can be found in the [E-Filing System User Guide](#)

The Statement of Position and Responsive Statement of Position must be E-Filed but, unlike other E-Filed documents, must be filed by **noon** Eastern on the due date in order to be timely. If an election agreement is signed by all parties and returned to the Regional Office before the due date of the Statement of Position, the Statement of Position and Responsive Statement of Position are not required to be filed. If an election agreement is signed by all parties and returned to the Regional office after the due date of the Statement of Position but before the due date of the Responsive Statement of Position, the Responsive Statement of Position is not required to be filed.

Dated: June 11, 2021

Paul J. Murphy, Acting Regional Director
National Labor Relations Board
Region 01, By

Michael C. Cass

Michael C. Cass, Officer-In-Charge
National Labor Relations Board
Subregion 34

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD**

**DESCRIPTION OF REPRESENTATION CASE PROCEDURES
IN CERTIFICATION AND DECERTIFICATION CASES**

The National Labor Relations Act grants employees the right to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing and to refrain from such activity. A party may file an RC, RD or RM petition with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) to conduct a secret ballot election to determine whether a representative will represent, or continue to represent, a unit of employees. An **RC** petition is generally filed by a union that desires to be certified as the bargaining representative. An **RD** petition is filed by employees who seek to remove the currently recognized union as the bargaining representative. An **RM** petition is filed by an employer who seeks an election because one or more individuals or unions have sought recognition as the bargaining representative, or based on a reasonable belief supported by objective considerations that the currently recognized union has lost its majority status. This form generally describes representation case procedures in RC, RD and RM cases, also referred to as certification and decertification cases.

Right to be Represented – Any party to a case with the NLRB has the right to be represented by an attorney or other representative in any proceeding before the NLRB. A party wishing to have a representative appear on its behalf should have the representative complete a Notice of Appearance (Form NLRB-4701), and E-File it at www.nlr.gov or forward it to the NLRB Regional Office handling the petition as soon as possible.

Filing and Service of Petition – A party filing an RC, RD or RM petition is required to serve a copy of its petition on the parties named in the petition along with this form and the Statement of Position form. The petitioner files the petition with the NLRB, together with (1) a certificate showing service of these documents on the other parties named in the petition, and (2) a showing of interest to support the petition. The showing of interest is not served on the other parties.

Notice of Hearing – After a petition in a certification or decertification case is filed with the NLRB, the NLRB reviews the petition, certificate of service, and the required showing of interest for sufficiency, assigns the petition a case number, and promptly sends letters to the parties notifying them of the Board agent who will be handling the case. In most cases, the letters include a Notice of Representation Hearing. Except in cases presenting unusually complex issues, this pre-election hearing is set for a date 14 business days (excluding weekends and federal holidays) from the date of service of the notice of hearing. Once the hearing begins, it will continue day to day until completed absent extraordinary circumstances. The Notice of Representation Hearing also sets the due date for filing and serving the Statement(s) of Position and the Responsive Statement of Position(s). Included with the Notice of Representation Hearing are the following: (1) copy of the petition, (2) this form, (3) Statement of Position for non-petitioning parties, (4) petitioner's Responsive Statement of Position, (5) Notice of Petition for Election, and (6) letter advising how to contact the Board agent who will be handling the case and discussing those documents.

Hearing Postponement: Requests to postpone the hearing are not routinely granted, but the regional director may postpone the hearing for good cause. A party wishing to request a postponement should make the request in writing and set forth in detail the grounds for the request. The request should include the positions of the other parties regarding the postponement. The request must be filed electronically ("E-Filed") on the Agency's website (www.nlr.gov) by following the instructions on the website. A copy of the request must be served simultaneously on all the other parties, and that fact must be noted in the request.

Statement of Position Form and List(s) of Employees – The Statement of Position form solicits commerce and other information that will facilitate entry into election agreements or streamline the pre-election hearing if the parties are unable to enter into an election agreement. In an **RC** or **RD** case, as part of its Statement of Position form, the employer also provides a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, and job classifications of all individuals in the proposed unit. If the employer contends that the proposed unit is not appropriate, the employer must separately list the same information for all individuals that the employer contends must be added to the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit, and must further indicate those individuals, if any, whom it believes must be excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. These lists must be alphabetized (overall or by department). Unless the employer certifies that it does not possess the capacity to produce the lists in the required form, the lists must be in a table in a Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx) or a file that is compatible with Microsoft Word, the first column of the table must begin

with each employee's last name, and the font size of the list must be the equivalent of Times New Roman 10 or larger. That font does not need to be used but the font must be that size or larger. A sample, optional form for the list is provided on the NLRB website at [www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional Forms for Voter List.docx](http://www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional%20Forms%20for%20Voter%20List.docx)

Ordinarily the Statement of Position must be filed with the Regional Office and served on the other parties such that it is received by them by noon 8 business days from the issuance of the Notice of Hearing. The regional director may postpone the due date for filing and serving the Statement of Position for good cause. The Statement of Position form must be E-Filed but, unlike other E-Filed documents, will not be timely if filed on the due date but after noon in the time zone of the Region where the petition is filed. Consequences for failing to satisfy the Statement of Position requirement are discussed on the following page under the heading "Preclusion." A request to postpone the hearing will not automatically be treated as a request for an extension of the Statement of Position due date. If a party wishes to request both a postponement of the hearing and a postponement of the Statement of Position due date, the request must make that clear and must specify the reasons that postponements of both are sought.

Responsive Statement of Position – Petitioner's Responsive Statement(s) of Position solicits a response to the Statement(s) of Position filed by the other parties and further facilitates entry into election agreements or streamlines the preelection hearing. A petitioner must file a Responsive Statement of Position in response to each party's Statement of Position addressing each issue in each Statement of Position(s), if desired. In the case of an RM petition, the employer-petitioner must also provide commerce information and file and serve a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, and job classifications of all individuals in the proposed unit. Ordinarily, the Responsive Statement of Position must be electronically filed with the Regional Office and served on the other parties such that it is received by noon 3 business days prior to the hearing. The regional director may postpone the due date for filing and serving the Responsive Statement of Position for good cause. The Responsive Statement of Position form must be E-Filed but, unlike other E-Filed documents, will not be timely if filed on the due date but after noon in the time zone of the Region where the petition is filed. Consequences for failing to satisfy the Responsive Statement of Position requirement are discussed on the following page under the heading "Preclusion." A request to postpone the hearing will not automatically be treated as a request for an extension of the Responsive Statement of Position due date. If a party wishes to request both a postponement of the hearing and a Postponement of the Responsive Statement of Position due date, the request must make that clear and must specify the reasons that postponements of both are sought.

Posting and Distribution of Notice of Petition for Election – Within 5 business days after service of the notice of hearing, the employer must post the Notice of Petition for Election in conspicuous places, including all places where notices to employees are customarily posted, and must also distribute it electronically to the employees in the petitioned-for unit if the employer customarily communicates with these employees electronically. The employer must maintain the posting until the petition is dismissed or withdrawn, or the Notice of Petition for Election is replaced by the Notice of Election. The employer's failure properly to post or distribute the Notice of Petition for Election may be grounds for setting aside the election if proper and timely objections are filed.

Election Agreements – Elections can occur either by agreement of the parties or by direction of the regional director or the Board. Three types of agreements are available: (1) a Consent Election Agreement (Form NLRB-651); (2) a Stipulated Election Agreement (Form NLRB-652); and (3) a Full Consent Agreement (Form NLRB-5509). In the Consent Election Agreement and the Stipulated Election Agreement, the parties agree on an appropriate unit and the method, date, time, and place of a secret ballot election that will be conducted by an NLRB agent. In the Consent Agreement, the parties also agree that post-election matters (election objections or determinative challenged ballots) will be resolved with finality by the regional director; whereas in the Stipulated Election Agreement, the parties agree that they may request Board review of the regional director's post-election determinations. A Full Consent Agreement provides that the regional director will make final determinations regarding all pre-election and post-election issues.

Hearing Cancellation Based on Agreement of the Parties – The issuance of the Notice of Representation Hearing does not mean that the matter cannot be resolved by agreement of the parties. On the contrary, the NLRB encourages prompt voluntary adjustments and the Board agent assigned to the case will work with the parties to enter into an election agreement, so the parties can avoid the time and expense of participating in a hearing.

Hearing – A hearing will be held unless the parties enter into an election agreement approved by the regional director or the petition is dismissed or withdrawn.

Purpose of Hearing: The primary purpose of a pre-election hearing is to determine if a question of representation exists. A question of representation exists if a proper petition has been filed concerning a unit appropriate for the purpose of collective bargaining or, in the case of a decertification petition, concerning a unit in which a labor organization has been certified or is being currently recognized by the employer as the bargaining representative.

Issues at Hearing: Issues that might be litigated at the pre-election hearing include: jurisdiction; labor organization status; bars to elections; unit appropriateness; expanding and contracting unit issues; inclusion of professional employees with nonprofessional employees; seasonal operation; potential mixed guard/non-guard unit; and eligibility formulas. At the hearing, the timely filed Statement of Position and Responsive Statement of Position(s) will be received into evidence. The hearing officer will not receive evidence concerning any issue as to which the parties have not taken adverse positions, except for evidence regarding the Board's jurisdiction over the employer and evidence concerning any issue, such as the appropriateness of the proposed unit, as to which the regional director determines that record evidence is necessary.

Preclusion: At the hearing, a party will be precluded from raising any issue, presenting any evidence relating to any issue, cross-examining any witness concerning any issue, and presenting argument concerning any issue that the party failed to raise in its timely Statement of Position or Responsive Statement of Position(s) or to place in dispute in timely response to another party's Statement of Position or response, except that no party will be precluded from contesting or presenting evidence relevant to the Board's statutory jurisdiction to process the petition. Nor shall any party be precluded, on the grounds that a voter's eligibility or inclusion was not contested at the pre-election hearing, from challenging the eligibility of any voter during the election. If a party contends that the proposed unit is not appropriate in its Statement of Position but fails to specify the classifications, locations, or other employee groupings that must be added to or excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit, the party shall also be precluded from raising any issue as to the appropriateness of the unit, presenting any evidence relating to the appropriateness of the unit, cross examining any witness concerning the appropriateness of the unit, and presenting argument concerning the appropriateness of the unit. As set forth in §102.66(d) of the Board's rules, if the employer fails to timely furnish the lists of employees, the employer will be precluded from contesting the appropriateness of the proposed unit at any time and from contesting the eligibility or inclusion of any individuals at the pre-election hearing, including by presenting evidence or argument, or by cross-examination of witnesses.

Conduct of Hearing: If held, the hearing is usually open to the public and will be conducted by a hearing officer of the NLRB. Any party has the right to appear at any hearing in person, by counsel, or by other representative, to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses, and to introduce into the record evidence of the significant facts that support the party's contentions and are relevant to the existence of a question of representation. The hearing officer also has the power to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses and to introduce into the record documentary and other evidence. Witnesses will be examined orally under oath. The rules of evidence prevailing in courts of law or equity shall not be controlling. Parties appearing at any hearing who have or whose witnesses have disabilities falling within the provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and 29 C.F.R. 100.503, and who in order to participate in this hearing need appropriate auxiliary aids, as defined in 29 C.F.R. 100.503, should notify the regional director as soon as possible and request the necessary assistance.

Official Record: An official reporter will make the only official transcript of the proceedings and all citations in briefs or arguments must refer to the official record. (Copies of exhibits should be supplied to the hearing officer and other parties at the time the exhibit is offered in evidence.) All statements made at the hearing will be recorded by the official reporter while the hearing is on the record. If a party wishes to make off-the-record remarks, requests to make such remarks should be directed to the hearing officer and not to the official reporter. After the close of the hearing, any request for corrections to the record, either by stipulation or motion, should be forwarded to the regional director.

Motions and Objections: All motions must be in writing unless stated orally on the record at the hearing and must briefly state the relief sought and the grounds for the motion. A copy of any motion must be served immediately on the other parties to the proceeding. Motions made during the hearing are filed with the hearing officer. All other motions are filed with the regional director, except that motions made after the transfer of the record to the Board are filed with the Board. If not E-Filed, an original and two copies of written motions shall be filed. Statements of reasons in support of motions or objections should be as concise as possible. Objections shall not be deemed waived by further participation in the hearing. On

appropriate request, objections may be permitted to stand to an entire line of questioning. Automatic exceptions will be allowed to all adverse rulings.

Election Details: Prior to the close of the hearing the hearing officer will: (1) solicit the parties' positions (but will not permit litigation) on the type, date(s), time(s), and location(s) of the election and the eligibility period; (2) solicit the name, address, email address, facsimile number, and phone number of the employer's on-site representative to whom the regional director should transmit the Notice of Election if an election is directed; (3) inform the parties that the regional director will issue a decision as soon as practicable and will immediately transmit the document to the parties and their designated representatives by email, facsimile, or by overnight mail (if neither an email address nor facsimile number was provided); and (4) inform the parties of their obligations if the director directs an election and of the time for complying with those obligations.

Oral Argument and Briefs: Upon request, any party is entitled to a reasonable period at the close of the hearing for oral argument, which will be included in the official transcript of the hearing. At any time before the close of the hearing, any party may file a memorandum addressing relevant issues or points of law. Post-hearing briefs shall be due within 5 business days of the close of the hearing. The hearing officer may allow up to 10 additional business days for such briefs prior to the close of hearing and for good cause. If filed, copies of the memorandum or brief shall be served on all other parties to the proceeding and a statement of such service shall be filed with the memorandum or brief. No reply brief may be filed except upon special leave of the regional director. Briefs including electronic documents, filed with the Regional Director must be formatted as double-spaced in an 8½ by 11 inch format and must be e-filed through the Board's website, www.nlr.gov.

Regional Director Decision - After the hearing, the regional director issues a decision directing an election, dismissing the petition or reopening the hearing. A request for review of the regional director's pre-election decision may be filed with the Board at any time after issuance of the decision until 10 business days after a final disposition of the proceeding by the regional director. Accordingly, a party need not file a request for review before the election in order to preserve its right to contest that decision after the election. Instead, a party can wait to see whether the election results have mooted the basis of an appeal. The Board will grant a request for review only where compelling reasons exist therefor.

Voter List - The employer must provide to the regional director and the parties named in the election agreement or direction of election a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, job classifications, and contact information (including home addresses, available personal email addresses, and available home and personal cellular ("cell") telephone numbers) of all eligible voters. (In construction industry elections, unless the parties stipulate to the contrary, also eligible to vote are all employees in the unit who either (1) were employed a total of 30 working days or more within the 12 months preceding the election eligibility date or (2) had some employment in the 12 months preceding the election eligibility date and were employed 45 working days or more within the 24 months immediately preceding the election eligibility date. However, employees meeting either of those criteria who were terminated for cause or who quit voluntarily prior to the completion of the last job for which they were employed, are not eligible.) The employer must also include in a separate section of the voter list the same information for those individuals whom the parties have agreed should be permitted to vote subject to challenge or those individuals who, according to the direction of election, will be permitted to vote subject to challenge. The list of names must be alphabetized (overall or by department) and be in the same Microsoft Word file (or Microsoft Word compatible file) format as the initial lists provided with the Statement of Position form unless the parties agree to a different format or the employer certifies that it does not possess the capacity to produce the list in the required form. When feasible, the list must be filed electronically with the regional director and served electronically on the other parties named in the agreement or direction. To be timely filed and served, the voter list must be received by the regional director and the parties named in the agreement or direction respectively within 2 business days after the approval of the agreement or issuance of the direction of elections unless a longer time is specified in the agreement or direction. A certificate of service on all parties must be filed with the regional director when the voter list is filed. The employer's failure to file or serve the list within the specified time or in proper format shall be grounds for setting aside the election whenever proper and timely objections are filed. The parties shall not use the list for purposes other than the representation proceeding, Board proceedings arising from it, and related matters.

Waiver of Time to Use Voter List - Under existing NLRB practice, an election is not ordinarily scheduled for a date earlier than 10 calendar days after the date when the employer must file the voter list with the Regional Office. However, the parties entitled to receive the voter list may waive all or part of the 10-day

period by executing Form NLRB-4483. A waiver will not be effective unless all parties who are entitled to the list agree to waive the same number of days.

Election – Information about the election, requirements to post and distribute the Notice of Election, and possible proceedings after the election is available from the Regional Office and will be provided to the parties when the Notice of Election is sent to the parties.

Withdrawal or Dismissal – If it is determined that the NLRB does not have jurisdiction or that other criteria for proceeding to an election are not met, the petitioner is offered an opportunity to withdraw the petition. If the petitioner does not withdraw the petition, the regional director will dismiss the petition and advise the petitioner of the reason for the dismissal and of the right to appeal to the Board.

REVIEW THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE FILLING OUT A STATEMENT OF POSITION FORM

Completing and Filing this Form: The Notice of Hearing indicates which parties are responsible for completing the form. If you are required to complete the form, you must have it signed by an authorized representative and file a completed copy (including all attachments) with the RD and serve copies on all parties named in the petition by the date and time established for its submission. If more space is needed for your answers, additional pages may be attached. If you have questions about this form or would like assistance in filling out this form, please contact the Board agent assigned to handle this case. **You must EFile your Statement of Position at www.nlrb.gov, but unlike other e-Filed documents, it will *not* be timely if filed on the due date but after noon in the time zone of the Region where the petition was filed.**

***Note:** Non-employer parties who complete this Statement of Position are NOT required to complete items 8f and 8g of the form, or to provide a commerce questionnaire or the lists described in item 7.*

Required Lists: The employer's Statement of Position must include a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, and job classifications of all individuals in the proposed unit as of the payroll period preceding the filing of the petition who remain employed at the time of filing. If the employer contends that the proposed unit is inappropriate, the employer must separately list the full names, work locations, shifts and job classifications of all individuals that it contends must be added to the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. The employer must also indicate those individuals, if any, whom it believes must be excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. These lists must be alphabetized (overall or by department). Unless the employer certifies that it does not possess the capacity to produce the lists in the required form, the lists must be in a table in a Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx) or a file that is compatible with Microsoft Word, the first column of the table must begin with each employee's last name, and the font size of the list must be the equivalent of Times New Roman 10 or larger. That font does not need to be used but the font must be that size or larger. A sample, optional form for the list is provided on the NLRB website at [www.nlrb.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional Forms for Voter List.docx](http://www.nlrb.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional%20Forms%20for%20Voter%20List.docx).

Consequences of Failure to Supply Information: Failure to supply the information requested by this form may preclude you from litigating issues under 102.66(d) of the Board's Rules and Regulations. Section 102.66(d) provides as follows:

A party shall be precluded from raising any issue, presenting any evidence relating to any issue, cross-examining any witness concerning any issue, and presenting argument concerning any issue that the party failed to raise in its timely Statement of Position or to place in dispute in response to another party's Statement of Position or response, except that no party shall be precluded from contesting or presenting evidence relevant to the Board's statutory jurisdiction to process the petition. Nor shall any party be precluded, on the grounds that a voter's eligibility or inclusion was not contested at the pre-election hearing, from challenging the eligibility of any voter during the election. If a party contends that the proposed unit is not appropriate in its Statement of Position but fails to specify the classifications, locations, or other employee groupings that must be added to or excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit, the party shall also be precluded from raising any issue as to the appropriateness of the unit, presenting any evidence relating to the appropriateness of the unit, cross-examining any witness concerning the appropriateness of the unit, and presenting argument concerning the appropriateness of the unit. If the employer fails to timely furnish the lists of employees described in §§102.63(b)(1)(iii), (b)(2)(iii), or (b)(3)(iii), the employer shall be precluded from contesting the appropriateness of the proposed unit at any time and from contesting the eligibility or inclusion of any individuals at the pre-election hearing, including by presenting evidence or argument, or by cross-examination of witnesses.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
STATEMENT OF POSITION

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

Case No.

01-RD-278408

Date Filed

June 11, 2021

INSTRUCTIONS: Submit this Statement of Position to an NLRB Office in the Region in which the petition was filed and serve it and all attachments on each party named in the petition in this case such that it is received by them by the date and time specified in the notice of hearing.

Note: Non-employer parties who complete this form are NOT required to complete items 8f or 8g below or to provide a commerce questionnaire or the lists described in item 7.

1a. Full name of party filing Statement of Position		1c. Business Phone:	1e. Fax No.:
1b. Address (Street and number, city, state, and ZIP code)		1d. Cell No.:	1f. e-Mail Address
2. Do you agree that the NLRB has jurisdiction over the Employer in this case? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (A completed commerce questionnaire (Attachment A) must be submitted by the Employer, regardless of whether jurisdiction is admitted)			
3. Do you agree that the proposed unit is appropriate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If not, answer 3a and 3b)			
a. State the basis for your contention that the proposed unit is not appropriate. (If you contend a classification should be excluded or included briefly explain why, such as shares a community of interest or are supervisors or guards)			
b. State any classifications, locations, or other employee groupings that must be added to or excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit.			
Added		Excluded	
4. Other than the individuals in classifications listed in 3b, list any individual(s) whose eligibility to vote you intend to contest at the pre-election hearing in this case and the basis for contesting their eligibility.			
5. Is there a bar to conducting an election in this case? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, state the basis for your position.			
6. Describe all other issues you intend to raise at the pre-election hearing.			
7. The employer must provide the following lists which must be alphabetized (overall or by department) in the format specified at www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional Forms for Voter List.docx . (a) A list containing the full names, work locations, shifts and job classification of all individuals in the proposed unit as of the payroll period immediately preceding the filing of the petition who remain employed as of the date of the filing of the petition. (Attachment B) (b) If the employer contends that the proposed unit is inappropriate the employer must provide (1) a separate list containing the full names, work locations, shifts and job classifications of all individuals that it contends must be <i>added</i> to the proposed unit, if any to make it an appropriate unit, (Attachment C) and (2) a list containing the full names of any individuals it contends must be <i>excluded</i> from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. (Attachment D)			
8a. State your position with respect to the details of any elec ion that may be conducted in this matter. Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Manual/Mail			
8b. Date(s)	8c. Time(s)	8d. Location(s)	
8e. Eligibility Period (e.g. special eligibility formula)	8f. Last Payroll Period Ending Date	8g. Length of payroll period <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Biweekly <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify length)	
9. Representative who will accept service of all papers for purposes of the representation proceeding			
9a. Full name and title of authorized representative	9b. Signature of authorized representative		9c. Date
9d. Address (Street and number, city, state, and ZIP code)			9e. e-Mail Address
9f. Business Phone No.:		9g. Fax No.	9h. Cell No.

WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS PETITION CAN BE PUNISHED BY FINE AND IMPRISONMENT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 18, SECTION 1001)

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Solicitation of the information on this form is authorized by the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), 29 U.S.C. Section 151 et seq. The principal use of the information is to assist the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in processing representation proceedings. The routine uses for the information are fully set forth in the Federal Register, 71 Fed. Reg. 74942-43 (December 13, 2006). The NLRB will further explain these uses upon request. Failure to supply the information requested by this form may preclude you from litigating issues under 102.66(d) of the Board's Rules and Regulations and may cause the NLRB to refuse to further process a representation case or may cause the NLRB to issue you a subpoena and seek enforcement of the subpoena in federal court.

QUESTIONNAIRE ON COMMERCE INFORMATION

Please read carefully, answer all applicable items, and return to the NLRB Office. If additional space is required, please add a page and identify item number.

CASE NAME	CASE NUMBER 01-RD-278408
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1. EXACT LEGAL TITLE OF ENTITY (As filed with State and/or stated in legal documents forming entity)

2. TYPE OF ENTITY

☐ CORPORATION ☐ LLC ☐ LLP ☐ PARTNERSHIP ☐ SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP ☐ OTHER (Specify)

3. IF A CORPORATION or LLC

A. STATE OF INCORPORATION OR FORMATION	B. NAME, ADDRESS, AND RELATIONSHIP (e.g. parent, subsidiary) OF ALL RELATED ENTITIES
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4. IF AN LLC OR ANY TYPE OF PARTNERSHIP, FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF ALL MEMBERS OR PARTNERS

5. IF A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF PROPRIETOR

6. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE NATURE OF YOUR OPERATIONS (Products handled or manufactured, or nature of services performed).

7A. PRINCIPAL LOCATION:

7B. BRANCH LOCATIONS:

8. NUMBER OF PEOPLE PRESENTLY EMPLOYED

A. TOTAL:

B. AT THE ADDRESS INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER:

9. DURING THE MOST RECENT (Check the appropriate box): ☐ CALENDAR ☐ 12 MONTHS or ☐ FISCAL YEAR (FY DATES _____)

	YES	NO
A. Did you provide services valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers outside your State? If no, indicate actual value. \$ _____		
B. If you answered no to 9A, did you provide services valued in excess of \$50,000 to customers in your State who purchased goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If no, indicate the value of any such services you provided. \$ _____		
C. If you answered no to 9A and 9B, did you provide services valued in excess of \$50,000 to public utilities, transit systems, newspapers, health care institutions, broadcasting stations, commercial buildings, educational institutions, or retail concerns? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____		
D. Did you sell goods valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers located outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____		
E. If you answered no to 9D, did you sell goods valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers located inside your State who purchased other goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____		
F. Did you purchase and receive goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____		
G. Did you purchase and receive goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from enterprises who received the goods directly from points outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____		
H. Gross Revenues from all sales or performance of services (Check the largest amount) <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000 or more If less than \$100,000, indicate amount.		
I. Did you begin operations within the last 12 months? If yes, specify date: _____		

10. ARE YOU A MEMBER OF AN ASSOCIATION OR OTHER EMPLOYER GROUP THAT ENGAGES IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING?

☐ YES ☐ NO (If yes, name and address of association or group).

11. REPRESENTATIVE BEST QUALIFIED TO GIVE FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR OPERATIONS

NAME	TITLE	E-MAIL ADDRESS	TEL. NUMBER
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12. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME AND TITLE (Type or Print)	SIGNATURE	E-MAIL ADDRESS	DATE
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**REVIEW THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION
BEFORE FILLING OUT A RESPONSIVE STATEMENT OF POSITION FORM**

Completing and Filing this Form: For **RC and RD petitions**, the Petitioner is required to complete this form in response to each timely filed and served Statement of Position filed by another party. For **RM petitions**, the Employer-Petitioner must complete a Responsive Statement of Position form and submit the list described below. In accordance with Section 102.63(b) of the Board's Rules, if you are required to complete the form, you must have it signed by an authorized representative, and file a completed copy with any necessary attachments, with this office and serve it on all parties named in the petition responding to the issues raised in another party's Statement of Position, such that it is received no later than noon three business days before the date of the hearing. A separate form must be completed for each timely filed and properly served Statement of Position you receive. If more space is needed for your answers, additional pages may be attached. If you have questions about this form or would like assistance in filling out this form, please contact the Board agent assigned to handle this case. **You must E-File your Responsive Statement of Position at www.NLRB.gov, but unlike other e-Filed documents, it will *not* be timely if filed on the due date but after noon in the time zone of the Region where the petition was filed. Note that if you are completing this form as a PDF downloaded from www.NLRB.gov, the form will lock upon signature and no further editing may be made.**

Required List: In addition to responding to the issues raised in another party's Statement of Position, if any, the Employer-Petitioner in an RM case is required to file and serve on the parties a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, and job classifications of all individuals in the proposed unit as of the payroll period preceding the filing of the petition who remain employed at the time of filing. This list must be alphabetized (overall or by department). Unless the employer certifies that it does not possess the capacity to produce the list in the required form, the list must be in a table in a Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx) or a file that is compatible with Microsoft Word, the first column of the table must begin with each employee's last name, and the font size of the list must be the equivalent of Times New Roman 10 or larger. That font does not need to be used but the font must be that size or larger. A sample, optional form for the list is provided on the NLRB website at www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional Forms for Voter List.docx

Consequences of Failure to Submit a Responsive Statement of Position: Failure to supply the information requested by this form may preclude you from litigating issues under 102.66(d) of the Board's Rules and Regulations. Section 102.66(d) provides as follows:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
RESPONSIVE STATEMENT OF POSITION – RC, RD or RM PETITION

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Case No.
01-RD-278408

Date Filed
June 11, 2021

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An Intervenor/Union

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1c. Business Phone

1d. Cell No.

1e. Fax No.

1f. E-Mail Address

1b. Address (Street and Number, City, State, and ZIP Code)

2. Identify all issues raised in the other party's Statement of Position that you dispute and describe the basis of your dispute:

a. EMPLOYER NAME/IDENTITY [Box 1a of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505 and Questionnaire on Commerce Information]

☐ No Dispute (no further response required) ☐ Dispute (response required below)

Response to Statement of Position:

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Response to Statement of Position:

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Response to Statement of Position:

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f. ALL OTHER ISSUES [Box 6 of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505]

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Full Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

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**REVIEW THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION
BEFORE FILLING OUT A RESPONSIVE STATEMENT OF POSITION FORM**

Completing and Filing this Form: For **RC and RD petitions**, the Petitioner is required to complete this form in response to each timely filed and served Statement of Position filed by another party. For **RM petitions**, the Employer-Petitioner must complete a Responsive Statement of Position form and submit the list described below. In accordance with Section 102.63(b) of the Board's Rules, if you are required to complete the form, you must have it signed by an authorized representative, and file a completed copy with any necessary attachments, with this office and serve it on all parties named in the petition responding to the issues raised in another party's Statement of Position, such that it is received no later than noon three business days before the date of the hearing. A separate form must be completed for each timely filed and properly served Statement of Position you receive. If more space is needed for your answers, additional pages may be attached. If you have questions about this form or would like assistance in filling out this form, please contact the Board agent assigned to handle this case. **You must E-File your Responsive Statement of Position at www.NLRB.gov, but unlike other e-Filed documents, it will *not* be timely if filed on the due date but after noon in the time zone of the Region where the petition was filed. Note that if you are completing this form as a PDF downloaded from www.NLRB.gov, the form will lock upon signature and no further editing may be made.**

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
RESPONSIVE STATEMENT OF POSITION – RC, RD or RM PETITION

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Case No.
01-RD-278408

Date Filed
June 11, 2021

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June 11, 2021

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Netse Lytle, General Manager
Wild Oats Cooperative INC
320 Main Street
Williamstown, MA 01267

Re: Wild Oats Cooperative INC
Case 01-RD-278408

Dear Mr. Lytle:

Enclosed is a copy of a petition that Wild Oats Market filed with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) seeking to decertify UFCW Local 1459 as the collective-bargaining representative of certain of your employees. After a petition is filed, the employer is required to promptly take certain actions so please read this letter carefully to make sure you are aware of the employer's obligations. This letter tells you how to contact the Board agent who will be handling this matter, about the requirement to post and distribute the Notice of Petition for Election, the requirement to complete and serve a Statement of Position Form, the Petitioner's requirement to complete and serve a Responsive Statement of Position Form, a scheduled hearing in this matter, other information needed including a voter list, your right to be represented, and NLRB procedures, including how to submit documents to the NLRB.

Investigator: This petition will be investigated by Field Attorney LINDSEY E. KOTULSKI whose telephone number is (959)200-7369. The Board agent will contact you shortly to discuss processing the petition. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Board agent. If the agent is not available, you may contact Supervisory Field Examiner DINA M. RAIMO PELHAM whose telephone number is (959)200-7377. The Board agent may also contact you and the other party or parties to schedule a conference meeting or telephonic or video conference for some time before the close of business the day following receipt of the final Responsive Statement(s) of Position. This will give the parties sufficient time to determine if any issues can be resolved prior to hearing or if a hearing is necessary. If appropriate, the NLRB attempts to schedule an election either by agreement of the parties or by holding a hearing and then directing an election.

Required Posting and Distribution of Notice: You must post the enclosed Notice of Petition for Election by June 18, 2021 in conspicuous places, including all places where notices to employees are customarily posted. The Notice of Petition for Election must be posted so all pages are simultaneously visible. If you customarily communicate electronically with employees

in the petitioned-for unit, you must also distribute the notice electronically to them. You must maintain the posting until the petition is dismissed or withdrawn or this notice is replaced by the Notice of Election. Posting and distribution of the Notice of Petition for Election will inform the employees whose representation is at issue and the employer of their rights and obligations under the National Labor Relations Act in the representation context. Failure to post or distribute the notice may be grounds for setting aside an election if proper and timely objections are filed.

Required Statement of Position: In accordance with Section 102.63(b) of the Board's Rules, the employer is required to complete the enclosed Statement of Position form (including the attached Commerce Questionnaire), have it signed by an authorized representative, and file a completed copy (with all required attachments) with this office and serve it on all parties named in the petition such that it is received by them by **noon Eastern Time on June 23, 2021**. This form solicits information that will facilitate entry into election agreements or streamline the pre-election hearing if the parties are unable to enter into an election agreement. **This form must be e-Filed, but unlike other e-Filed documents, will *not* be timely if filed on the due date but after noon June 23, 2021.** If you have questions about this form or would like assistance in filling out this form, please contact the Board agent named above.

List(s) of Employees: The employer's Statement of Position must include a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, and job classifications of all individuals in the proposed unit as of the payroll period preceding the filing of the petition who remain employed at the time of filing. If the employer contends that the proposed unit is inappropriate, the employer must separately list the full names, work locations, shifts and job classifications of all individuals that it contends must be added to the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. The employer must also indicate those individuals, if any, whom it believes must be excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. These lists must be alphabetized (overall or by department). Unless the employer certifies that it does not possess the capacity to produce the lists in the required form, the lists must be in a table in a Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx) or a file that is compatible with Microsoft Word, the first column of the table must begin with each employee's last name, and the font size of the list must be the equivalent of Times New Roman 10 or larger. That font does not need to be used but the font must be that size or larger. A sample, optional form for the list is provided on the NLRB website at [www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional Forms for Voter List.docx](http://www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional%20Forms%20for%20Voter%20List.docx)

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Responsive Statement of Position: In accordance with Section 102.63(b) of the Board's Rules, following timely filing and service of an employer's Statement of Position, the petitioner is required to complete the enclosed Responsive Statement of Position form, have it signed by an authorized representative, and file a completed copy with any necessary attachments, with this office and serve it on all parties named in the petition responding to the issues raised in the employer's Statement of Position, such that it is received no later than **noon Eastern Time on June 28, 2021.**

Notice of Hearing: Enclosed is a Notice of Representation Hearing to be conducted at **10:00 AM on Thursday, July 1, 2021 at Via Zoom, A.A. Ribicoff Federal Building, 450 Main Street, Suite 410, Hartford, CT 06103**, if the parties do not voluntarily agree to an election. If a hearing is necessary, the hearing will run on consecutive days until concluded unless the regional director concludes that extraordinary circumstances warrant otherwise. Before the hearing begins, we will continue to explore potential areas of agreement with the parties in order to reach an election agreement and to eliminate or limit the costs associated with formal hearings.

Upon request of a party showing good cause, the regional director may postpone the hearing. A party desiring a postponement should make the request to the regional director in writing, set forth in detail the grounds for the request, and include the positions of the other parties regarding the postponement. E-Filing the request is required. A copy of the request must be served simultaneously on all the other parties, and that fact must be noted in the request.

Other Information Needed Now: Please submit to this office, as soon as possible, the following information needed to handle this matter:

- (a) A copy of any existing or recently expired collective-bargaining agreements, and any amendments or extensions, or any recognition agreements covering any of your employees in the unit involved in the petition (the petitioned-for unit);
- (b) The name and contact information for any other labor organization (union) claiming to represent any of the employees in the petitioned-for unit;
- (c) If potential voters will need notices or ballots translated into a language other than English, the names of those languages and dialects, if any.
- (d) If you desire a formal check of the showing of interest, you must provide an alphabetized payroll list of employees in the petitioned-for unit, with their job classifications, for the payroll period immediately before the date of this petition. Such a payroll list should be submitted as early as possible prior to the hearing. Ordinarily a formal check of the showing of interest is not performed using the employee list submitted as part of the Statement of Position.

Voter List: If an election is held in this matter, the employer must transmit to this office and to the other parties to the election, an alphabetized list of the full names, work locations, shifts, job classifications, and contact information (including home addresses, available personal email addresses, and available home and personal cellular telephone numbers) of eligible voters. Usually, the list must be furnished within 2 business days of the issuance of the Decision and Direction of Election or approval of an election agreement. I am advising you of this requirement now, so that you will have ample time to prepare this list. The list must be electronically filed with the Region and served electronically on the other parties. To guard against potential abuse, this list may not be used for purposes other than the representation proceeding, NLRB proceedings arising from it or other related matters.

Right to Representation: You have the right to be represented by an attorney or other representative in any proceeding before us. If you choose to be represented, your representative must notify us in writing of this fact as soon as possible by completing Form NLRB-4701, Notice of Appearance. This form is available on our website, www.nlr.gov, or at the Regional office upon your request.

If someone contacts you about representing you in this case, please be assured that no organization or person seeking your business has any “inside knowledge” or favored relationship with the NLRB. Their knowledge regarding this matter was only obtained through access to information that must be made available to any member of the public under the Freedom of Information Act.

Procedures: Pursuant to Section 102.5 of the Board’s Rules and Regulations, parties must submit all documentary evidence, including statements of position, exhibits, sworn statements, and/or other evidence, by electronically submitting (E-Filing) them through the Agency’s web site (www.nlr.gov). You must e-file all documents electronically or provide a written statement explaining why electronic submission is not possible or feasible. Failure to comply with Section 102.5 will result in rejection of your submission. The Region will make its determinations solely based on the documents and evidence properly submitted. All evidence

submitted electronically should be in the form in which it is normally used and maintained in the course of business (i.e., native format). Where evidence submitted electronically is not in native format, it should be submitted in a manner that retains the essential functionality of the native format (i.e., in a machine-readable and searchable electronic format). If you have questions about the submission of evidence or expect to deliver a large quantity of electronic records, please promptly contact the Board agent investigating the petition.

Information about the NLRB and our customer service standards is available on our website, www.nlr.gov, or from an NLRB office upon your request. We can provide assistance for persons with limited English proficiency or disability. Please let us know if you or any of your witnesses would like such assistance.

Very truly yours,

Paul J. Murphy
Acting Regional Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael C. Cass". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

By:
Michael C. Cass
Officer in Charge

Enclosures

1. Petition
2. Notice of Petition for Election (Form 5492)
3. Notice of Representation Hearing
4. Description of Procedures in Certification and Decertification Cases (Form 4812)
5. Statement of Position form and Commerce Questionnaire (Form 505)
6. Responsive Statement of Position (Form 506)



National Labor Relations Board



NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ELECTION

This notice is to inform employees that Wild Oats Market has filed a petition with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), a Federal agency, in Case 01-RD-278408 seeking an election to determine if the employees of Wild Oats Cooperative INC in the unit set forth below wish to be represented by UFCW Local 1459 for the purposes of collective bargaining:

Included: all who are not managers Excluded: managers

This notice also provides you with information about your basic rights under the National Labor Relations Act, the processing of the petition, and rules to keep NLRB elections fair and honest.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT under Federal Law

- To self-organization
- To form, join, or assist labor organizations
- To bargain collectively through representatives of your own choosing
- To act together for the purposes of collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection
- To refuse to do any or all of these things unless the union and employer, in a state where such agreements are permitted, enter into a lawful union-security agreement requiring employees to pay periodic dues and initiation fees. Nonmembers who inform the union that they object to the use of their payments for nonrepresentational purposes may be required to pay only their share of the union's costs of representational activities (such as collective bargaining, contract administration, and grievance adjustments).

PROCESSING THIS PETITION

Elections do not necessarily occur in all cases after a petition is filed. **NO FINAL DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE YET** regarding the appropriateness of the proposed unit or whether an election will be held in this matter. If appropriate, the NLRB will first see if the parties will enter into an election agreement that specifies the method, date, time, and location of an election and the unit of employees eligible to vote. If the parties do not enter into an election agreement, usually a hearing is held to receive evidence on the appropriateness of the unit and other issues in dispute. After a hearing, an election may be directed by the NLRB, if appropriate.

IF AN ELECTION IS HELD, it will be conducted by the NLRB by secret ballot and Notices of Election will be posted before the election giving complete details for voting.

ELECTION RULES

The NLRB applies rules that are intended to keep its elections fair and honest and that result in a free choice. If agents of any party act in such a way as to interfere with your right to a free

election, the election can be set aside by the NLRB. Where appropriate the NLRB provides other remedies, such as reinstatement for employees fired for exercising their rights, including backpay from the party responsible for their discharge.

The following are examples of conduct that interfere with employees' rights and may result in setting aside the election:

- Threatening loss of jobs or benefits by an employer or a union
- Promising or granting promotions, pay raises, or other benefits, to influence an employee's vote by a party capable of carrying out such promises
- An employer firing employees to discourage or encourage union activity or a union causing them to be fired to encourage union activity
- Making campaign speeches to assembled groups of employees on company time, where attendance is mandatory, within the 24-hour period before the polls for the election first open or, if the election is conducted by mail, from the time and date the ballots are scheduled to be sent out by the Region until the time and date set for their return
- Incitement by either an employer or a union of racial or religious prejudice by inflammatory appeals
- Threatening physical force or violence to employees by a union or an employer to influence their votes

Please be assured that IF AN ELECTION IS HELD, every effort will be made to protect your right to a free choice under the law. Improper conduct will not be permitted. All parties are expected to cooperate fully with the NLRB in maintaining basic principles of a fair election as required by law. The NLRB as an agency of the United States Government does not endorse any choice in the election.

For additional information about the processing of petitions, go to www.nlr.gov or contact the NLRB at (860)240-3522.

THIS IS AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT NOTICE AND MUST NOT BE DEFACED BY ANYONE. IT MUST REMAIN POSTED WITH ALL PAGES SIMULTANEOUSLY VISIBLE UNTIL REPLACED BY THE NOTICE OF ELECTION OR THE PETITION IS DISMISSED OR WITHDRAWN.



National Labor Relations Board





**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
SUBREGION 34**



WILD OATS COOPERATIVE INC Employer and WILD OATS MARKET Petitioner and UFCW LOCAL 1459 Union	Case 01-RD-278408
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NOTICE OF REPRESENTATION HEARING

The Petitioner filed the attached petition pursuant to Section 9(c) of the National Labor Relations Act. It appears that a question affecting commerce exists as to whether the employees in the unit described in the petition wish to be represented by a collective-bargaining representative as defined in Section 9(a) of the Act.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that, pursuant to Sections 3(b) and 9(c) of the Act, at 10:00 a.m. on **Thursday, July 1, 2021** and on consecutive days thereafter until concluded, at the National Labor Relations Board offices located at the A.A. Ribicoff Federal Building, 450 Main Street, Suite 410, Hartford, Connecticut, a hearing will be conducted via a **Zoom Conference Platform**, before a hearing officer of the National Labor Relations Board. **Details related to the virtual hearing will be provided at a later date.** At the hearing, the parties will have the right to appear in person or otherwise and give testimony.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, pursuant to Section 102.63(b) of the Board's Rules and Regulations, Wild Oats Cooperative INC and UFCW Local 1459 must complete the Statement of Position and file it and all attachments with the Regional Director and serve it on the parties listed on the petition such that is received by them by no later than **noon** Eastern time on June 23, 2021. Following timely filing and service of a Statement of Position by Wild Oats Cooperative INC and UFCW Local 1459, the Petitioner must complete its Responsive Statement of Position(s) responding to the issues raised in the Employer's and/or Union's Statement of Position and file them and all attachments with the Regional Director and serve them on the parties named in the petition such they are received by them no later than **noon** Eastern on June 28, 2021.

Pursuant to Section 102.5 of the Board's Rules and Regulations, all documents filed in cases before the Agency must be filed by electronically submitting (E-Filing) through the Agency's website (www.nlrb.gov), unless the party filing the document does not have access

to the means for filing electronically or filing electronically would impose an undue burden. Documents filed by means other than E-Filing must be accompanied by a statement explaining why the filing party does not have access to the means for filing electronically or filing electronically would impose an undue burden. Detailed instructions for using the NLRB's E-Filing system can be found in the [E-Filing System User Guide](#)

The Statement of Position and Responsive Statement of Position must be E-Filed but, unlike other E-Filed documents, must be filed by **noon** Eastern on the due date in order to be timely. If an election agreement is signed by all parties and returned to the Regional Office before the due date of the Statement of Position, the Statement of Position and Responsive Statement of Position are not required to be filed. If an election agreement is signed by all parties and returned to the Regional office after the due date of the Statement of Position but before the due date of the Responsive Statement of Position, the Responsive Statement of Position is not required to be filed.

Dated: June 11, 2021

Paul J. Murphy, Acting Regional Director
National Labor Relations Board
Region 01, By

Michael C. Cass

Michael C. Cass
Officer-In-Charge
National Labor Relations Board
Subregion 34

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD**

**DESCRIPTION OF REPRESENTATION CASE PROCEDURES
IN CERTIFICATION AND DECERTIFICATION CASES**

The National Labor Relations Act grants employees the right to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing and to refrain from such activity. A party may file an RC, RD or RM petition with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) to conduct a secret ballot election to determine whether a representative will represent, or continue to represent, a unit of employees. An **RC** petition is generally filed by a union that desires to be certified as the bargaining representative. An **RD** petition is filed by employees who seek to remove the currently recognized union as the bargaining representative. An **RM** petition is filed by an employer who seeks an election because one or more individuals or unions have sought recognition as the bargaining representative, or based on a reasonable belief supported by objective considerations that the currently recognized union has lost its majority status. This form generally describes representation case procedures in RC, RD and RM cases, also referred to as certification and decertification cases.

Right to be Represented – Any party to a case with the NLRB has the right to be represented by an attorney or other representative in any proceeding before the NLRB. A party wishing to have a representative appear on its behalf should have the representative complete a Notice of Appearance (Form NLRB-4701), and E-File it at www.nlr.gov or forward it to the NLRB Regional Office handling the petition as soon as possible.

Filing and Service of Petition – A party filing an RC, RD or RM petition is required to serve a copy of its petition on the parties named in the petition along with this form and the Statement of Position form. The petitioner files the petition with the NLRB, together with (1) a certificate showing service of these documents on the other parties named in the petition, and (2) a showing of interest to support the petition. The showing of interest is not served on the other parties.

Notice of Hearing – After a petition in a certification or decertification case is filed with the NLRB, the NLRB reviews the petition, certificate of service, and the required showing of interest for sufficiency, assigns the petition a case number, and promptly sends letters to the parties notifying them of the Board agent who will be handling the case. In most cases, the letters include a Notice of Representation Hearing. Except in cases presenting unusually complex issues, this pre-election hearing is set for a date 14 business days (excluding weekends and federal holidays) from the date of service of the notice of hearing. Once the hearing begins, it will continue day to day until completed absent extraordinary circumstances. The Notice of Representation Hearing also sets the due date for filing and serving the Statement(s) of Position and the Responsive Statement of Position(s). Included with the Notice of Representation Hearing are the following: (1) copy of the petition, (2) this form, (3) Statement of Position for non-petitioning parties, (4) petitioner's Responsive Statement of Position, (5) Notice of Petition for Election, and (6) letter advising how to contact the Board agent who will be handling the case and discussing those documents.

Hearing Postponement: Requests to postpone the hearing are not routinely granted, but the regional director may postpone the hearing for good cause. A party wishing to request a postponement should make the request in writing and set forth in detail the grounds for the request. The request should include the positions of the other parties regarding the postponement. The request must be filed electronically ("E-Filed") on the Agency's website (www.nlr.gov) by following the instructions on the website. A copy of the request must be served simultaneously on all the other parties, and that fact must be noted in the request.

Statement of Position Form and List(s) of Employees – The Statement of Position form solicits commerce and other information that will facilitate entry into election agreements or streamline the pre-election hearing if the parties are unable to enter into an election agreement. In an **RC** or **RD** case, as part of its Statement of Position form, the employer also provides a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, and job classifications of all individuals in the proposed unit. If the employer contends that the proposed unit is not appropriate, the employer must separately list the same information for all individuals that the employer contends must be added to the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit, and must further indicate those individuals, if any, whom it believes must be excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. These lists must be alphabetized (overall or by department). Unless the employer certifies that it does not possess the capacity to produce the lists in the required form, the lists must be in a table in a Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx) or a file that is compatible with Microsoft Word, the first column of the table must begin

with each employee's last name, and the font size of the list must be the equivalent of Times New Roman 10 or larger. That font does not need to be used but the font must be that size or larger. A sample, optional form for the list is provided on the NLRB website at [www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional Forms for Voter List.docx](http://www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional%20Forms%20for%20Voter%20List.docx)

Ordinarily the Statement of Position must be filed with the Regional Office and served on the other parties such that it is received by them by noon 8 business days from the issuance of the Notice of Hearing. The regional director may postpone the due date for filing and serving the Statement of Position for good cause. The Statement of Position form must be E-Filed but, unlike other E-Filed documents, will not be timely if filed on the due date but after noon in the time zone of the Region where the petition is filed. Consequences for failing to satisfy the Statement of Position requirement are discussed on the following page under the heading "Preclusion." A request to postpone the hearing will not automatically be treated as a request for an extension of the Statement of Position due date. If a party wishes to request both a postponement of the hearing and a postponement of the Statement of Position due date, the request must make that clear and must specify the reasons that postponements of both are sought.

Responsive Statement of Position – Petitioner's Responsive Statement(s) of Position solicits a response to the Statement(s) of Position filed by the other parties and further facilitates entry into election agreements or streamlines the preelection hearing. A petitioner must file a Responsive Statement of Position in response to each party's Statement of Position addressing each issue in each Statement of Position(s), if desired. In the case of an RM petition, the employer-petitioner must also provide commerce information and file and serve a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, and job classifications of all individuals in the proposed unit. Ordinarily, the Responsive Statement of Position must be electronically filed with the Regional Office and served on the other parties such that it is received by noon 3 business days prior to the hearing. The regional director may postpone the due date for filing and serving the Responsive Statement of Position for good cause. The Responsive Statement of Position form must be E-Filed but, unlike other E-Filed documents, will not be timely if filed on the due date but after noon in the time zone of the Region where the petition is filed. Consequences for failing to satisfy the Responsive Statement of Position requirement are discussed on the following page under the heading "Preclusion." A request to postpone the hearing will not automatically be treated as a request for an extension of the Responsive Statement of Position due date. If a party wishes to request both a postponement of the hearing and a Postponement of the Responsive Statement of Position due date, the request must make that clear and must specify the reasons that postponements of both are sought.

Posting and Distribution of Notice of Petition for Election – Within 5 business days after service of the notice of hearing, the employer must post the Notice of Petition for Election in conspicuous places, including all places where notices to employees are customarily posted, and must also distribute it electronically to the employees in the petitioned-for unit if the employer customarily communicates with these employees electronically. The employer must maintain the posting until the petition is dismissed or withdrawn, or the Notice of Petition for Election is replaced by the Notice of Election. The employer's failure properly to post or distribute the Notice of Petition for Election may be grounds for setting aside the election if proper and timely objections are filed.

Election Agreements – Elections can occur either by agreement of the parties or by direction of the regional director or the Board. Three types of agreements are available: (1) a Consent Election Agreement (Form NLRB-651); (2) a Stipulated Election Agreement (Form NLRB-652); and (3) a Full Consent Agreement (Form NLRB-5509). In the Consent Election Agreement and the Stipulated Election Agreement, the parties agree on an appropriate unit and the method, date, time, and place of a secret ballot election that will be conducted by an NLRB agent. In the Consent Agreement, the parties also agree that post-election matters (election objections or determinative challenged ballots) will be resolved with finality by the regional director; whereas in the Stipulated Election Agreement, the parties agree that they may request Board review of the regional director's post-election determinations. A Full Consent Agreement provides that the regional director will make final determinations regarding all pre-election and post-election issues.

Hearing Cancellation Based on Agreement of the Parties – The issuance of the Notice of Representation Hearing does not mean that the matter cannot be resolved by agreement of the parties. On the contrary, the NLRB encourages prompt voluntary adjustments and the Board agent assigned to the case will work with the parties to enter into an election agreement, so the parties can avoid the time and expense of participating in a hearing.

Hearing – A hearing will be held unless the parties enter into an election agreement approved by the regional director or the petition is dismissed or withdrawn.

Purpose of Hearing: The primary purpose of a pre-election hearing is to determine if a question of representation exists. A question of representation exists if a proper petition has been filed concerning a unit appropriate for the purpose of collective bargaining or, in the case of a decertification petition, concerning a unit in which a labor organization has been certified or is being currently recognized by the employer as the bargaining representative.

Issues at Hearing: Issues that might be litigated at the pre-election hearing include: jurisdiction; labor organization status; bars to elections; unit appropriateness; expanding and contracting unit issues; inclusion of professional employees with nonprofessional employees; seasonal operation; potential mixed guard/non-guard unit; and eligibility formulas. At the hearing, the timely filed Statement of Position and Responsive Statement of Position(s) will be received into evidence. The hearing officer will not receive evidence concerning any issue as to which the parties have not taken adverse positions, except for evidence regarding the Board's jurisdiction over the employer and evidence concerning any issue, such as the appropriateness of the proposed unit, as to which the regional director determines that record evidence is necessary.

Preclusion: At the hearing, a party will be precluded from raising any issue, presenting any evidence relating to any issue, cross-examining any witness concerning any issue, and presenting argument concerning any issue that the party failed to raise in its timely Statement of Position or Responsive Statement of Position(s) or to place in dispute in timely response to another party's Statement of Position or response, except that no party will be precluded from contesting or presenting evidence relevant to the Board's statutory jurisdiction to process the petition. Nor shall any party be precluded, on the grounds that a voter's eligibility or inclusion was not contested at the pre-election hearing, from challenging the eligibility of any voter during the election. If a party contends that the proposed unit is not appropriate in its Statement of Position but fails to specify the classifications, locations, or other employee groupings that must be added to or excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit, the party shall also be precluded from raising any issue as to the appropriateness of the unit, presenting any evidence relating to the appropriateness of the unit, cross examining any witness concerning the appropriateness of the unit, and presenting argument concerning the appropriateness of the unit. As set forth in §102.66(d) of the Board's rules, if the employer fails to timely furnish the lists of employees, the employer will be precluded from contesting the appropriateness of the proposed unit at any time and from contesting the eligibility or inclusion of any individuals at the pre-election hearing, including by presenting evidence or argument, or by cross-examination of witnesses.

Conduct of Hearing: If held, the hearing is usually open to the public and will be conducted by a hearing officer of the NLRB. Any party has the right to appear at any hearing in person, by counsel, or by other representative, to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses, and to introduce into the record evidence of the significant facts that support the party's contentions and are relevant to the existence of a question of representation. The hearing officer also has the power to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses and to introduce into the record documentary and other evidence. Witnesses will be examined orally under oath. The rules of evidence prevailing in courts of law or equity shall not be controlling. Parties appearing at any hearing who have or whose witnesses have disabilities falling within the provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and 29 C.F.R. 100.503, and who in order to participate in this hearing need appropriate auxiliary aids, as defined in 29 C.F.R. 100.503, should notify the regional director as soon as possible and request the necessary assistance.

Official Record: An official reporter will make the only official transcript of the proceedings and all citations in briefs or arguments must refer to the official record. (Copies of exhibits should be supplied to the hearing officer and other parties at the time the exhibit is offered in evidence.) All statements made at the hearing will be recorded by the official reporter while the hearing is on the record. If a party wishes to make off-the-record remarks, requests to make such remarks should be directed to the hearing officer and not to the official reporter. After the close of the hearing, any request for corrections to the record, either by stipulation or motion, should be forwarded to the regional director.

Motions and Objections: All motions must be in writing unless stated orally on the record at the hearing and must briefly state the relief sought and the grounds for the motion. A copy of any motion must be served immediately on the other parties to the proceeding. Motions made during the hearing are filed with the hearing officer. All other motions are filed with the regional director, except that motions made after the transfer of the record to the Board are filed with the Board. If not E-Filed, an original and two copies of written motions shall be filed. Statements of reasons in support of motions or objections should be as concise as possible. Objections shall not be deemed waived by further participation in the hearing. On

appropriate request, objections may be permitted to stand to an entire line of questioning. Automatic exceptions will be allowed to all adverse rulings.

Election Details: Prior to the close of the hearing the hearing officer will: (1) solicit the parties' positions (but will not permit litigation) on the type, date(s), time(s), and location(s) of the election and the eligibility period; (2) solicit the name, address, email address, facsimile number, and phone number of the employer's on-site representative to whom the regional director should transmit the Notice of Election if an election is directed; (3) inform the parties that the regional director will issue a decision as soon as practicable and will immediately transmit the document to the parties and their designated representatives by email, facsimile, or by overnight mail (if neither an email address nor facsimile number was provided); and (4) inform the parties of their obligations if the director directs an election and of the time for complying with those obligations.

Oral Argument and Briefs: Upon request, any party is entitled to a reasonable period at the close of the hearing for oral argument, which will be included in the official transcript of the hearing. At any time before the close of the hearing, any party may file a memorandum addressing relevant issues or points of law. Post-hearing briefs shall be due within 5 business days of the close of the hearing. The hearing officer may allow up to 10 additional business days for such briefs prior to the close of hearing and for good cause. If filed, copies of the memorandum or brief shall be served on all other parties to the proceeding and a statement of such service shall be filed with the memorandum or brief. No reply brief may be filed except upon special leave of the regional director. Briefs including electronic documents, filed with the Regional Director must be formatted as double-spaced in an 8½ by 11 inch format and must be e-filed through the Board's website, www.nlr.gov.

Regional Director Decision - After the hearing, the regional director issues a decision directing an election, dismissing the petition or reopening the hearing. A request for review of the regional director's pre-election decision may be filed with the Board at any time after issuance of the decision until 10 business days after a final disposition of the proceeding by the regional director. Accordingly, a party need not file a request for review before the election in order to preserve its right to contest that decision after the election. Instead, a party can wait to see whether the election results have mooted the basis of an appeal. The Board will grant a request for review only where compelling reasons exist therefor.

Voter List - The employer must provide to the regional director and the parties named in the election agreement or direction of election a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, job classifications, and contact information (including home addresses, available personal email addresses, and available home and personal cellular ("cell") telephone numbers) of all eligible voters. (In construction industry elections, unless the parties stipulate to the contrary, also eligible to vote are all employees in the unit who either (1) were employed a total of 30 working days or more within the 12 months preceding the election eligibility date or (2) had some employment in the 12 months preceding the election eligibility date and were employed 45 working days or more within the 24 months immediately preceding the election eligibility date. However, employees meeting either of those criteria who were terminated for cause or who quit voluntarily prior to the completion of the last job for which they were employed, are not eligible.) The employer must also include in a separate section of the voter list the same information for those individuals whom the parties have agreed should be permitted to vote subject to challenge or those individuals who, according to the direction of election, will be permitted to vote subject to challenge. The list of names must be alphabetized (overall or by department) and be in the same Microsoft Word file (or Microsoft Word compatible file) format as the initial lists provided with the Statement of Position form unless the parties agree to a different format or the employer certifies that it does not possess the capacity to produce the list in the required form. When feasible, the list must be filed electronically with the regional director and served electronically on the other parties named in the agreement or direction. To be timely filed and served, the voter list must be received by the regional director and the parties named in the agreement or direction respectively within 2 business days after the approval of the agreement or issuance of the direction of elections unless a longer time is specified in the agreement or direction. A certificate of service on all parties must be filed with the regional director when the voter list is filed. The employer's failure to file or serve the list within the specified time or in proper format shall be grounds for setting aside the election whenever proper and timely objections are filed. The parties shall not use the list for purposes other than the representation proceeding, Board proceedings arising from it, and related matters.

Waiver of Time to Use Voter List - Under existing NLRB practice, an election is not ordinarily scheduled for a date earlier than 10 calendar days after the date when the employer must file the voter list with the Regional Office. However, the parties entitled to receive the voter list may waive all or part of the 10-day

period by executing Form NLRB-4483. A waiver will not be effective unless all parties who are entitled to the list agree to waive the same number of days.

Election – Information about the election, requirements to post and distribute the Notice of Election, and possible proceedings after the election is available from the Regional Office and will be provided to the parties when the Notice of Election is sent to the parties.

Withdrawal or Dismissal – If it is determined that the NLRB does not have jurisdiction or that other criteria for proceeding to an election are not met, the petitioner is offered an opportunity to withdraw the petition. If the petitioner does not withdraw the petition, the regional director will dismiss the petition and advise the petitioner of the reason for the dismissal and of the right to appeal to the Board.

REVIEW THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE FILLING OUT A STATEMENT OF POSITION FORM

Completing and Filing this Form: The Notice of Hearing indicates which parties are responsible for completing the form. If you are required to complete the form, you must have it signed by an authorized representative and file a completed copy (including all attachments) with the RD and serve copies on all parties named in the petition by the date and time established for its submission. If more space is needed for your answers, additional pages may be attached. If you have questions about this form or would like assistance in filling out this form, please contact the Board agent assigned to handle this case. **You must EFile your Statement of Position at www.nlrb.gov, but unlike other e-Filed documents, it will *not* be timely if filed on the due date but after noon in the time zone of the Region where the petition was filed.**

***Note:** Non-employer parties who complete this Statement of Position are NOT required to complete items 8f and 8g of the form, or to provide a commerce questionnaire or the lists described in item 7.*

Required Lists: The employer's Statement of Position must include a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, and job classifications of all individuals in the proposed unit as of the payroll period preceding the filing of the petition who remain employed at the time of filing. If the employer contends that the proposed unit is inappropriate, the employer must separately list the full names, work locations, shifts and job classifications of all individuals that it contends must be added to the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. The employer must also indicate those individuals, if any, whom it believes must be excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. These lists must be alphabetized (overall or by department). Unless the employer certifies that it does not possess the capacity to produce the lists in the required form, the lists must be in a table in a Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx) or a file that is compatible with Microsoft Word, the first column of the table must begin with each employee's last name, and the font size of the list must be the equivalent of Times New Roman 10 or larger. That font does not need to be used but the font must be that size or larger. A sample, optional form for the list is provided on the NLRB website at [www.nlrb.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional Forms for Voter List.docx](http://www.nlrb.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional%20Forms%20for%20Voter%20List.docx).

Consequences of Failure to Supply Information: Failure to supply the information requested by this form may preclude you from litigating issues under 102.66(d) of the Board's Rules and Regulations. Section 102.66(d) provides as follows:

A party shall be precluded from raising any issue, presenting any evidence relating to any issue, cross-examining any witness concerning any issue, and presenting argument concerning any issue that the party failed to raise in its timely Statement of Position or to place in dispute in response to another party's Statement of Position or response, except that no party shall be precluded from contesting or presenting evidence relevant to the Board's statutory jurisdiction to process the petition. Nor shall any party be precluded, on the grounds that a voter's eligibility or inclusion was not contested at the pre-election hearing, from challenging the eligibility of any voter during the election. If a party contends that the proposed unit is not appropriate in its Statement of Position but fails to specify the classifications, locations, or other employee groupings that must be added to or excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit, the party shall also be precluded from raising any issue as to the appropriateness of the unit, presenting any evidence relating to the appropriateness of the unit, cross-examining any witness concerning the appropriateness of the unit, and presenting argument concerning the appropriateness of the unit. If the employer fails to timely furnish the lists of employees described in §§102.63(b)(1)(iii), (b)(2)(iii), or (b)(3)(iii), the employer shall be precluded from contesting the appropriateness of the proposed unit at any time and from contesting the eligibility or inclusion of any individuals at the pre-election hearing, including by presenting evidence or argument, or by cross-examination of witnesses.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
STATEMENT OF POSITION

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

Case No.

01-RD-278408

Date Filed

June 11, 2021

INSTRUCTIONS: Submit this Statement of Position to an NLRB Office in the Region in which the petition was filed and serve it and all attachments on each party named in the petition in this case such that it is received by them by the date and time specified in the notice of hearing.

Note: Non-employer parties who complete this form are NOT required to complete items 8f or 8g below or to provide a commerce questionnaire or the lists described in item 7.

1a. Full name of party filing Statement of Position		1c. Business Phone:	1e. Fax No.:
1b. Address (Street and number, city, state, and ZIP code)		1d. Cell No.:	1f. e-Mail Address
2. Do you agree that the NLRB has jurisdiction over the Employer in this case? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (A completed commerce questionnaire (Attachment A) must be submitted by the Employer, regardless of whether jurisdiction is admitted)			
3. Do you agree that the proposed unit is appropriate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If not, answer 3a and 3b)			
a. State the basis for your contention that the proposed unit is not appropriate. (If you contend a classification should be excluded or included briefly explain why, such as shares a community of interest or are supervisors or guards)			
b. State any classifications, locations, or other employee groupings that must be added to or excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit.			
Added		Excluded	
4. Other than the individuals in classifications listed in 3b, list any individual(s) whose eligibility to vote you intend to contest at the pre-election hearing in this case and the basis for contesting their eligibility.			
5. Is there a bar to conducting an election in this case? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, state the basis for your position.			
6. Describe all other issues you intend to raise at the pre-election hearing.			
7. The employer must provide the following lists which must be alphabetized (overall or by department) in the format specified at www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional Forms for Voter List.docx . (a) A list containing the full names, work locations, shifts and job classification of all individuals in the proposed unit as of the payroll period immediately preceding the filing of the petition who remain employed as of the date of the filing of the petition. (Attachment B) (b) If the employer contends that the proposed unit is inappropriate the employer must provide (1) a separate list containing the full names, work locations, shifts and job classifications of all individuals that it contends must be <i>added</i> to the proposed unit, if any to make it an appropriate unit, (Attachment C) and (2) a list containing the full names of any individuals it contends must be <i>excluded</i> from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. (Attachment D)			
8a. State your position with respect to the details of any elec ion that may be conducted in this matter. Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Manual/Mail			
8b. Date(s)	8c. Time(s)	8d. Location(s)	
8e. Eligibility Period (e.g. special eligibility formula)	8f. Last Payroll Period Ending Date	8g. Length of payroll period <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Biweekly <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify length)	
9. Representative who will accept service of all papers for purposes of the representation proceeding			
9a. Full name and title of authorized representative	9b. Signature of authorized representative		9c. Date
9d. Address (Street and number, city, state, and ZIP code)			9e. e-Mail Address
9f. Business Phone No.:		9g. Fax No.	9h. Cell No.

WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS PETITION CAN BE PUNISHED BY FINE AND IMPRISONMENT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 18, SECTION 1001)

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Solicitation of the information on this form is authorized by the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), 29 U.S.C. Section 151 et seq. The principal use of the information is to assist the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in processing representation proceedings. The routine uses for the information are fully set forth in the Federal Register, 71 Fed. Reg. 74942-43 (December 13, 2006). The NLRB will further explain these uses upon request. Failure to supply the information requested by this form may preclude you from litigating issues under 102.66(d) of the Board's Rules and Regulations and may cause the NLRB to refuse to further process a representation case or may cause the NLRB to issue you a subpoena and seek enforcement of the subpoena in federal court.

QUESTIONNAIRE ON COMMERCE INFORMATION

Please read carefully, answer all applicable items, and return to the NLRB Office. If additional space is required, please add a page and identify item number.

CASE NAME	CASE NUMBER 01-RD-278408
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1. EXACT LEGAL TITLE OF ENTITY (As filed with State and/or stated in legal documents forming entity)

2. TYPE OF ENTITY

☐ CORPORATION ☐ LLC ☐ LLP ☐ PARTNERSHIP ☐ SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP ☐ OTHER (Specify)

3. IF A CORPORATION or LLC

A. STATE OF INCORPORATION OR FORMATION	B. NAME, ADDRESS, AND RELATIONSHIP (e.g. parent, subsidiary) OF ALL RELATED ENTITIES
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4. IF AN LLC OR ANY TYPE OF PARTNERSHIP, FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF ALL MEMBERS OR PARTNERS

5. IF A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF PROPRIETOR

6. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE NATURE OF YOUR OPERATIONS (Products handled or manufactured, or nature of services performed).

7A. PRINCIPAL LOCATION:

7B. BRANCH LOCATIONS:

8. NUMBER OF PEOPLE PRESENTLY EMPLOYED

A. TOTAL:

B. AT THE ADDRESS INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER:

9. DURING THE MOST RECENT (Check the appropriate box): ☐ CALENDAR ☐ 12 MONTHS or ☐ FISCAL YEAR (FY DATES _____)

	YES	NO
A. Did you provide services valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers outside your State? If no, indicate actual value. \$ _____		
B. If you answered no to 9A, did you provide services valued in excess of \$50,000 to customers in your State who purchased goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If no, indicate the value of any such services you provided. \$ _____		
C. If you answered no to 9A and 9B, did you provide services valued in excess of \$50,000 to public utilities, transit systems, newspapers, health care institutions, broadcasting stations, commercial buildings, educational institutions, or retail concerns? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____		
D. Did you sell goods valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers located outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____		
E. If you answered no to 9D, did you sell goods valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers located inside your State who purchased other goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____		
F. Did you purchase and receive goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____		
G. Did you purchase and receive goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from enterprises who received the goods directly from points outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____		
H. Gross Revenues from all sales or performance of services (Check the largest amount) <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000 or more If less than \$100,000, indicate amount.		
I. Did you begin operations within the last 12 months? If yes, specify date: _____		

10. ARE YOU A MEMBER OF AN ASSOCIATION OR OTHER EMPLOYER GROUP THAT ENGAGES IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING?

☐ YES ☐ NO (If yes, name and address of association or group).

11. REPRESENTATIVE BEST QUALIFIED TO GIVE FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR OPERATIONS

NAME	TITLE	E-MAIL ADDRESS	TEL. NUMBER
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12. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME AND TITLE (Type or Print)	SIGNATURE	E-MAIL ADDRESS	DATE
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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Solicitation of the information on this form is authorized by the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), 29 U.S.C. § 151 et seq. The principal use of the information is to assist the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in processing representation and/or unfair labor practice proceedings and related proceedings or litigation. The routine uses for the information are fully set forth in the Federal Register, 71 Fed. Reg. 74942-43 (Dec. 13, 2006). The NLRB will further explain these uses upon request. Disclosure of this information to the NLRB is voluntary. However, failure to supply the information may cause the NLRB to refuse to process any further a representation or unfair labor practice case, or may cause the NLRB to issue you a subpoena and seek enforcement of the subpoena in federal court.

REVIEW THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE FILLING OUT A RESPONSIVE STATEMENT OF POSITION FORM

Completing and Filing this Form: For **RC and RD petitions**, the Petitioner is required to complete this form in response to each timely filed and served Statement of Position filed by another party. For **RM petitions**, the Employer-Petitioner must complete a Responsive Statement of Position form and submit the list described below. In accordance with Section 102.63(b) of the Board's Rules, if you are required to complete the form, you must have it signed by an authorized representative, and file a completed copy with any necessary attachments, with this office and serve it on all parties named in the petition responding to the issues raised in another party's Statement of Position, such that it is received no later than noon three business days before the date of the hearing. A separate form must be completed for each timely filed and properly served Statement of Position you receive. If more space is needed for your answers, additional pages may be attached. If you have questions about this form or would like assistance in filling out this form, please contact the Board agent assigned to handle this case. **You must E-File your Responsive Statement of Position at www.NLRB.gov, but unlike other e-Filed documents, it will *not* be timely if filed on the due date but after noon in the time zone of the Region where the petition was filed. Note that if you are completing this form as a PDF downloaded from www.NLRB.gov, the form will lock upon signature and no further editing may be made.**

Required List: In addition to responding to the issues raised in another party's Statement of Position, if any, the Employer-Petitioner in an RM case is required to file and serve on the parties a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, and job classifications of all individuals in the proposed unit as of the payroll period preceding the filing of the petition who remain employed at the time of filing. This list must be alphabetized (overall or by department). Unless the employer certifies that it does not possess the capacity to produce the list in the required form, the list must be in a table in a Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx) or a file that is compatible with Microsoft Word, the first column of the table must begin with each employee's last name, and the font size of the list must be the equivalent of Times New Roman 10 or larger. That font does not need to be used but the font must be that size or larger. A sample, optional form for the list is provided on the NLRB website at www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional Forms for Voter List.docx

Consequences of Failure to Submit a Responsive Statement of Position: Failure to supply the information requested by this form may preclude you from litigating issues under 102.66(d) of the Board's Rules and Regulations. Section 102.66(d) provides as follows:

A party shall be precluded from raising any issue, presenting any evidence relating to any issue, cross-examining any witness concerning any issue, and presenting argument concerning any issue that the party failed to raise in its timely Statement of Position or to place in dispute in response to another party's Statement of Position or response, except that no party shall be precluded from contesting or presenting evidence relevant to the Board's statutory jurisdiction to process the petition. Nor shall any party be precluded, on the grounds that a voter's eligibility or inclusion was not contested at the pre-election hearing, from challenging the eligibility of any voter during the election. If a party contends that the proposed unit is not appropriate in its Statement of Position but fails to specify the classifications, locations, or other employee groupings that must be added to or excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit, the party shall also be precluded from raising any issue as to the appropriateness of the unit, presenting any evidence relating to the appropriateness of the unit, cross-examining any witness concerning the appropriateness of the unit, and presenting argument concerning the appropriateness of the unit. If the employer fails to timely furnish the lists of employees described in §§102.63(b)(1)(iii), (b)(2)(iii), or (b)(3)(iii), the employer shall be precluded from contesting the appropriateness of the proposed unit at any time and from contesting the eligibility or inclusion of any individuals at the pre-election hearing, including by presenting evidence or argument, or by cross-examination of witnesses.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
RESPONSIVE STATEMENT OF POSITION – RC, RD or RM PETITION

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

Case No.
01-RD-278408

Date Filed
June 11, 2021

INSTRUCTIONS: If a party has submitted and served on you a timely Statement of Position to an RC, RD or RM petition, the Petitioner must submit this Responsive Statement of Position to an NLRB Office in the Region in which the petition was filed and serve it and any attachments on each party named in the petition in this case such that it is received by noon local time, three business days prior to the hearing date specified in the Notice of Hearing. A separate form must be completed for each timely filed and properly served Statement of Position received by the Petitioner. The Petitioner-Employer in a RM case is required to file this Responsive Statement of Position and include an appropriate employee list without regard to whether another party has filed a Statement of Position.

This Responsive Statement of Position is filed by the Petitioner in response to a Statement of Position received from the following party:

The Employer	An Intervenor/Union
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1a. Full Name of Party Filing Responsive Statement of Position			
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1c. Business Phone	1d. Cell No.	1e. Fax No.	1f. E-Mail Address
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1b. Address (Street and Number, City, State, and ZIP Code)

<p>2. Identify all issues raised in the other party's Statement of Position that you dispute and describe the basis of your dispute:</p> <p>a. EMPLOYER NAME/IDENTITY [Box 1a of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505 and Questionnaire on Commerce Information]</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No Dispute (no further response required) <input type="checkbox"/> Dispute (response required below)</p> <p>Response to Statement of Position:</p>

<p>b. JURISDICTION [Box 2 of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505 and Questionnaire on Commerce Information]</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No Dispute (no further response required) <input type="checkbox"/> Dispute (response required below)</p> <p>Response to Statement of Position:</p>

<p>c. APPROPRIATENESS OF UNIT [Boxes 3, 3a and 3b of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505]</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No Dispute (no further response required) <input type="checkbox"/> Dispute (response required below)</p> <p>Response to Statement of Position:</p>

<p>d. INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY [Box 4 of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505]</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No Dispute (no further response required) <input type="checkbox"/> Dispute (response required below)</p> <p>Response to Statement of Position:</p>

<p>e. BARS TO ELECTION [Box 5 of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505]</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No Dispute (no further response required) <input type="checkbox"/> Dispute (response required below)</p> <p>Response to Statement of Position:</p>

<p>f. ALL OTHER ISSUES [Box 6 of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505]</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No Dispute (no further response required) <input type="checkbox"/> Dispute (response required below)</p> <p>Response to Statement of Position:</p>

<p>g. ELECTION DETAILS [Boxes 8a, 8b, 8c, 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505]</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No Dispute (no further response required) <input type="checkbox"/> Dispute (response required below)</p> <p>Response to Statement of Position:</p>

Full Name and Title of Authorized Representative	Signature of Authorized Representative	Date
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WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS PETITION CAN BE PUNISHED BY FINE AND IMPRISONMENT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 18, SECTION 1001) PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Solicitation of the information on this form is authorized by the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), 29 U.S.C. Section 151 et seq. The principal use of the information is to assist the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in processing representation proceedings. The routine uses for the information are fully set forth in the Federal Register, 71 Fed. 74942-43 (December 13, 2006). The NLRB will further explain these uses upon request. Failure to supply the information requested by this form may preclude you from litigating issues under 102.66(d) of the Board's Rules and Regulations and may cause the NLRB to refuse to further process a representation case or may cause the NLRB to issue you a subpoena and seek enforcement of the subpoena in federal court.

Please fill all necessary fields on the form PRIOR to digitally signing. To make changes after the form has been signed, right-click on the signature field and click "clear signature." Once complete, please sign the form.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Employer Name: Wild Oats Cooperative Inc

Service on the Employer

I hereby certify that on 6/11 (date), a copy of the petition involving the Employer named above, a Statement of Position (Form NLRB-505), and a Description of Procedures (Form NLRB-4812) were served on the Employer by: (check whichever is applicable)

- ☐ e-mail to the email address shown on the petition.
- ☐ facsimile (with the permission of the Employer) to the facsimile number shown on the petition.
- ☐ overnight mail to the mailing address shown on the petition.
- ☒ hand-delivery to Nate Lytle (name of Employer's representative) at the following address: 320 Main St Williamstown MA 01267.

Service on the Other Party Named in the Petition

I hereby certify that on 6/11 (date), a copy of the petition involving the Employer named above, a Statement of Position (Form NLRB-505), and a Description of Procedures (Form NLRB-4812) were also served on United Food & Commercial Workers (name of party or parties) by: (check whichever is applicable)

- ☒ email to the email address shown on the petition.
- ☐ facsimile (with the permission of the party) to the facsimile number shown on the petition.
- ☐ overnight mail to the mailing address shown on the petition.
- ☐ hand-delivery to _____ (name of party's representative) at the following address: _____.

Service on the Other Party Named in the Petition

I hereby certify that on _____ (date), a copy of the petition involving the Employer named above, a Statement of Position (Form NLRB-505), and a Description of Procedures (Form NLRB-4812) were also served on _____ (name of party or parties) by: (check whichever is applicable)

- ☐ email to the email address shown on the petition.
- ☐ facsimile (with the permission of the party) to the facsimile number shown on the petition.
- ☐ overnight mail to the mailing address shown on the petition.
- ☐ hand-delivery to _____ (name of party's representative) at the following address: _____.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Signature

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Name and Title

6/11/21

Date

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

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June 11, 2021

URGENT

cbouchie@ufcw1459.com
Crystal Bouchie, Union Representative
UFCW Local 1459
33 Eastland Street
Springfield, MA 01109

Re: Wild Oats Cooperative Inc
Case 01-RD-278408

Dear Ms. Bouchie:

Enclosed is a copy of a petition that Wild Oats Market filed with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) seeking an election involving certain employees for which you are the exclusive collective bargaining representative. Please read this letter carefully to make sure you are aware of the union's obligations. This letter tells you how to contact the Board agent who will be handling this matter, about the Employer's requirement to post and distribute the Notice of Petition for Election, the requirement that you complete and serve a Statement of Position Form, the petitioner's requirement to complete and serve a Responsive Statement of Position Form, a scheduled hearing in this matter, other information needed, your right to be represented, and NLRB procedures, including how to submit documents.

Investigator: This petition will be investigated by Field Attorney LINDSEY E. KOTULSKI whose telephone number is (959)200-7369. The Board agent will contact you shortly to discuss processing the petition. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Board agent. The Board agent may also contact you and the other party or parties to schedule a conference meeting or telephonic or video conference for some time before the close of business the day following receipt of the final Responsive Statement(s) of Position. This will give the parties sufficient time to determine if any issues can be resolved prior to hearing or if a hearing is necessary. If the agent is not available, you may contact Supervisory Field Examiner DENA M. RAIMO PELHAM whose telephone number is (959)200-7377. If appropriate, the NLRB attempts to schedule an election either by agreement of the parties or by holding a hearing and then directing an election.

The Union's Required Statement of Position: In accordance with Section 102.63(b) of the Board's Rules, the union is required to complete the enclosed Statement of Position form, have it signed by an authorized representative, and file a completed copy (with all required attachments) with this office and serve it on all parties named in the petition such that it is received by them by **noon Eastern Time on June 23, 2021**. This form solicits information that

will facilitate entry into election agreements or streamline the pre-election hearing if the parties are unable to enter into an election agreement. **This form must be e-Filed, but unlike other e-Filed documents, will not be timely if filed on the due date but after noon Eastern Time.** If you have questions about this form or would like assistance in filling out this form, please contact the Board agent named above.

Failure to Supply Information: Failure to supply the information requested by this form may preclude you from litigating issues under Section 102.66(d) of the Board's Rules and Regulations. Section 102.66(d) provides as follows:

A party shall be precluded from raising any issue, presenting any evidence relating to any issue, cross-examining any witness concerning any issue, and presenting argument concerning any issue that the party failed to raise in its timely Statement of Position or to place in dispute in response to another party's Statement of Position or response, except that no party shall be precluded from contesting or presenting evidence relevant to the Board's statutory jurisdiction to process the petition. Nor shall any party be precluded, on the grounds that a voter's eligibility or inclusion was not contested at the pre-election hearing, from challenging the eligibility of any voter during the election. If a party contends that the proposed unit is not appropriate in its Statement of Position but fails to specify the classifications, locations, or other employee groupings that must be added to or excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit, the party shall also be precluded from raising any issue as to the appropriateness of the unit, presenting any evidence relating to the appropriateness of the unit, cross-examining any witness concerning the appropriateness of the unit, and presenting argument concerning the appropriateness of the unit. If the employer fails to timely furnish the lists of employees described in §§ 102.63(b)(1)(iii), (b)(2)(iii), or (b)(3)(iii), the employer shall be precluded from contesting the appropriateness of the proposed unit at any time and from contesting the eligibility or inclusion of any individuals at the pre-election hearing, including by presenting evidence or argument, or by cross-examination of witnesses.

The Employer's Required Statement of Position: In accordance with Section 102.63(b) of the Board's Rules, the employer is required to complete the enclosed Statement of Position form (including the attached Commerce Questionnaire), have it signed by an authorized representative, and file a completed copy (with all required attachments) with this office and serve it on all parties named in the petition such that it is received by them by **noon Eastern Time on June 23, 2021.** This form solicits information that will facilitate entry into election agreements or streamline the pre-election hearing if the parties are unable to enter into an election agreement. **This form must be e-Filed, but unlike other e-Filed documents, will not be timely if filed on the due date but after noon Eastern Time.**

List(s) of Employees: The employer's Statement of Position must include a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, and job classifications of all individuals in the proposed unit as of the payroll period preceding the filing of the petition who remain employed at the time of filing.

If the employer contends that the proposed unit is inappropriate, the employer must separately list the full names, work locations, shifts and job classifications of all individuals that it contends must be added to the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. The employer must also indicate those individuals, if any, whom it believes must be excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. These lists must be alphabetized (overall or by department). Unless the employer certifies that it does not possess the capacity to produce the lists in the required form, the lists must be in a table in a Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx) or a file that is compatible with Microsoft Word, the first column of the table must begin with each employee's last name, and the font size of the list must be the equivalent of Times New Roman 10 or larger. That font does not need to be used but the font must be that size or larger. A sample, optional form for the list is provided on the NLRB website at [www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional Forms for Voter List.docx](http://www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional%20Forms%20for%20Voter%20List.docx)

Responsive Statement of Position: In accordance with Section 102.63(b) of the Board's Rules, following timely filing and service of a Statement of Position, the petitioner is required to complete the enclosed Responsive Statement of Position form addressing the issues raised in the Statement of Position. The petitioner must file a completed, signed copy in response to any timely filed and served Statement of Position by any party, with any necessary attachments, with this office and serve it on all parties named in the petition, such that it is received no later than **noon Eastern Time on June 28, 2021.**

Notice of Hearing: Enclosed is a Notice of Representation Hearing to be conducted at **10:00 AM on Thursday, July 1, 2021 at Via Zoom, A.A. Ribicoff Federal Building, 450 Main Street, Suite 410, Hartford, CT 06103**, if the parties do not voluntarily agree to an election. If a hearing is necessary, the hearing will run on consecutive days until concluded unless the regional director concludes that extraordinary circumstances warrant otherwise. Before the hearing begins, we will continue to explore potential areas of agreement with the parties in order to reach an election agreement and to eliminate or limit the costs associated with formal hearings.

Upon request of a party showing good cause, the regional director may postpone the hearing. A party desiring a postponement should make the request to the regional director in writing, set forth in detail the grounds for the request, and include the positions of the other parties regarding the postponement. E-Filing the request is required. A copy of the request must be served simultaneously on all the other parties, and that fact must be noted in the request.

Posting and Distribution of Notice: The Employer must post the enclosed Notice of Petition for Election by June 18, 2021 in conspicuous places, including all places where notices to employees are customarily posted. If it customarily communicates electronically with its employees in the petitioned-for unit, it must also distribute the notice electronically to them. The Employer must maintain the posting until the petition is dismissed or withdrawn or this notice is replaced by the Notice of Election. Failure to post or distribute the notice may be grounds for setting aside the election if proper and timely objections are filed.

Other Information Needed Now: Please submit to this office, as soon as possible, the following information needed to handle this matter:

- (a) The correct name of the Union as stated in its constitution or bylaws.
- (b) A copy of any existing or recently expired collective-bargaining agreements, and any addenda or extensions, or any recognition agreements covering any employees in the petitioned-for unit.
- (c) If potential voters will need notices or ballots translated into a language other than English, the names of those languages and dialects, if any.
- (d) The name and contact information for any other labor organization (union) claiming to represent or have an interest in any of the employees in the petitioned-for unit and for any employer who may be a joint employer of the employees in the proposed unit. Failure to disclose the existence of an interested party may delay the processing of the petition.

Voter List: If an election is held in this matter, the employer must transmit to this office and to the other parties to the election, an alphabetized list of the full names, work locations, shifts, job classifications, and contact information (including home addresses, available personal email addresses, and available home and personal cellular telephone numbers) of eligible voters. Usually, the list must be furnished within 2 business days of the issuance of the Decision and Direction of Election or approval of an election agreement. The list must be electronically filed with the Region and served electronically on the other parties. To guard against potential abuse, this list may not be used for purposes other than the representation proceeding, NLRB proceedings arising from it or other related matters.

Under existing NLRB practice, an election is not ordinarily scheduled for a date earlier than 10 days after the date when the Employer must file the voter list with the Regional Office. However, a petitioner and/or union entitled to receive the voter list may waive all or part of the 10-day period by executing Form NLRB-4483, which is available on the NLRB's website or from an NLRB office. A waiver will not be effective unless all parties who are entitled to the voter list agree to waive the same number of days.

Right to Representation: You have the right to be represented by an attorney or other representative in any proceeding before the NLRB. In view of our policy of processing these cases expeditiously, if you wish to be represented, you should obtain representation promptly. Your representative must notify us in writing of this fact as soon as possible by completing Form NLRB-4701, Notice of Appearance. This form is available on our website, www.nlr.gov, or from an NLRB office upon your request.

If someone contacts you about representing you in this case, please be assured that no organization or person seeking your business has any "inside knowledge" or favored relationship with the NLRB. Their knowledge regarding this matter was obtained only through access to information that must be made available to any member of the public under the Freedom of Information Act.

Procedures: Pursuant to Section 102.5 of the Board's Rules and Regulations, parties must submit all documentary evidence, including statements of position, exhibits, sworn statements, and/or other evidence, by electronically submitting (E-Filing) them through the Agency's web site (www.nlr.gov). You must e-file all documents electronically or provide a written statement explaining why electronic submission is not possible or feasible. Failure to comply with Section 102.5 will result in rejection of your submission. The Region will make its determinations solely based on the documents and evidence properly submitted. All evidence submitted electronically should be in the form in which it is normally used and maintained in the course of business (i.e., native format). Where evidence submitted electronically is not in native format, it should be submitted in a manner that retains the essential functionality of the native format (i.e., in a machine-readable and searchable electronic format). If you have questions about the submission of evidence or expect to deliver a large quantity of electronic records, please promptly contact the Board agent investigating the petition.

Information about the NLRB and our customer service standards is available on our website, www.nlr.gov, or from an NLRB office upon your request. We can provide assistance for persons with limited English proficiency or disability. Please let us know if you or any of your witnesses would like such assistance.

Very truly yours,

Paul J. Murphy
Acting Regional Director



By:
Michael C. Cass
Officer in Charge

Enclosures

1. Petition
2. Notice of Petition for Election (Form 5492)
3. Notice of Representation Hearing
4. Description of Procedures in Certification and Decertification Cases (Form 4812)
5. Statement of Position form and Commerce Questionnaire (Form 505)
6. Responsive Statement of Position (Form 506)



National Labor Relations Board



NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ELECTION

This notice is to inform employees that Wild Oats Market has filed a petition with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), a Federal agency, in Case 01-RD-278408 seeking an election to determine if the employees of Wild Oats Cooperative INC in the unit set forth below wish to be represented by UFCW Local 1459 for the purposes of collective bargaining:

Included: all who are not managers Excluded: managers

This notice also provides you with information about your basic rights under the National Labor Relations Act, the processing of the petition, and rules to keep NLRB elections fair and honest.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT under Federal Law

- To self-organization
- To form, join, or assist labor organizations
- To bargain collectively through representatives of your own choosing
- To act together for the purposes of collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection
- To refuse to do any or all of these things unless the union and employer, in a state where such agreements are permitted, enter into a lawful union-security agreement requiring employees to pay periodic dues and initiation fees. Nonmembers who inform the union that they object to the use of their payments for nonrepresentational purposes may be required to pay only their share of the union's costs of representational activities (such as collective bargaining, contract administration, and grievance adjustments).

PROCESSING THIS PETITION

Elections do not necessarily occur in all cases after a petition is filed. **NO FINAL DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE YET** regarding the appropriateness of the proposed unit or whether an election will be held in this matter. If appropriate, the NLRB will first see if the parties will enter into an election agreement that specifies the method, date, time, and location of an election and the unit of employees eligible to vote. If the parties do not enter into an election agreement, usually a hearing is held to receive evidence on the appropriateness of the unit and other issues in dispute. After a hearing, an election may be directed by the NLRB, if appropriate.

IF AN ELECTION IS HELD, it will be conducted by the NLRB by secret ballot and Notices of Election will be posted before the election giving complete details for voting.

ELECTION RULES

The NLRB applies rules that are intended to keep its elections fair and honest and that result in a free choice. If agents of any party act in such a way as to interfere with your right to a free

election, the election can be set aside by the NLRB. Where appropriate the NLRB provides other remedies, such as reinstatement for employees fired for exercising their rights, including backpay from the party responsible for their discharge.

The following are examples of conduct that interfere with employees' rights and may result in setting aside the election:

- Threatening loss of jobs or benefits by an employer or a union
- Promising or granting promotions, pay raises, or other benefits, to influence an employee's vote by a party capable of carrying out such promises
- An employer firing employees to discourage or encourage union activity or a union causing them to be fired to encourage union activity
- Making campaign speeches to assembled groups of employees on company time, where attendance is mandatory, within the 24-hour period before the polls for the election first open or, if the election is conducted by mail, from the time and date the ballots are scheduled to be sent out by the Region until the time and date set for their return
- Incitement by either an employer or a union of racial or religious prejudice by inflammatory appeals
- Threatening physical force or violence to employees by a union or an employer to influence their votes

Please be assured that IF AN ELECTION IS HELD, every effort will be made to protect your right to a free choice under the law. Improper conduct will not be permitted. All parties are expected to cooperate fully with the NLRB in maintaining basic principles of a fair election as required by law. The NLRB as an agency of the United States Government does not endorse any choice in the election.

For additional information about the processing of petitions, go to www.nlr.gov or contact the NLRB at (860)240-3522.

THIS IS AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT NOTICE AND MUST NOT BE DEFACED BY ANYONE. IT MUST REMAIN POSTED WITH ALL PAGES SIMULTANEOUSLY VISIBLE UNTIL REPLACED BY THE NOTICE OF ELECTION OR THE PETITION IS DISMISSED OR WITHDRAWN.



National Labor Relations Board





**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
SUBREGION 34**



WILD OATS COOPERATIVE INC Employer and WILD OATS MARKET Petitioner and UFCW LOCAL 1459 Union	Case 01-RD-278408
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NOTICE OF REPRESENTATION HEARING

The Petitioner filed the attached petition pursuant to Section 9(c) of the National Labor Relations Act. It appears that a question affecting commerce exists as to whether the employees in the unit described in the petition wish to be represented by a collective-bargaining representative as defined in Section 9(a) of the Act.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that, pursuant to Sections 3(b) and 9(c) of the Act, at 10:00 a.m. on **Thursday, July 1, 2021** and on consecutive days thereafter until concluded, at the National Labor Relations Board offices located at the A.A. Ribicoff Federal Building, 450 Main Street, Suite 410, Hartford, Connecticut, a hearing will be conducted via a **Zoom Conference Platform**, before a hearing officer of the National Labor Relations Board. **Details related to the virtual hearing will be provided at a later date.** At the hearing, the parties will have the right to appear in person or otherwise and give testimony.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, pursuant to Section 102.63(b) of the Board's Rules and Regulations, Wild Oats Cooperative INC and UFCW Local 1459 must complete the Statement of Position and file it and all attachments with the Regional Director and serve it on the parties listed on the petition such that is received by them by no later than **noon** Eastern time on June 23, 2021. Following timely filing and service of a Statement of Position by Wild Oats Cooperative INC and UFCW Local 1459, the Petitioner must complete its Responsive Statement of Position(s) responding to the issues raised in the Employer's and/or Union's Statement of Position and file them and all attachments with the Regional Director and serve them on the parties named in the petition such they are received by them no later than **noon** Eastern on June 28, 2021.

Pursuant to Section 102.5 of the Board's Rules and Regulations, all documents filed in cases before the Agency must be filed by electronically submitting (E-Filing) through the Agency's website (www.nlrb.gov), unless the party filing the document does not have access

to the means for filing electronically or filing electronically would impose an undue burden. Documents filed by means other than E-Filing must be accompanied by a statement explaining why the filing party does not have access to the means for filing electronically or filing electronically would impose an undue burden. Detailed instructions for using the NLRB's E-Filing system can be found in the [E-Filing System User Guide](#)

The Statement of Position and Responsive Statement of Position must be E-Filed but, unlike other E-Filed documents, must be filed by **noon** Eastern on the due date in order to be timely. If an election agreement is signed by all parties and returned to the Regional Office before the due date of the Statement of Position, the Statement of Position and Responsive Statement of Position are not required to be filed. If an election agreement is signed by all parties and returned to the Regional office after the due date of the Statement of Position but before the due date of the Responsive Statement of Position, the Responsive Statement of Position is not required to be filed.

Dated: June 11, 2021

Paul J. Murphy, Acting Regional Director
National Labor Relations Board
Region 01, By

Michael C. Cass

Michael C. Cass, Officer-In-Charge
National Labor Relations Board
Subregion 34

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD**

**DESCRIPTION OF REPRESENTATION CASE PROCEDURES
IN CERTIFICATION AND DECERTIFICATION CASES**

The National Labor Relations Act grants employees the right to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing and to refrain from such activity. A party may file an RC, RD or RM petition with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) to conduct a secret ballot election to determine whether a representative will represent, or continue to represent, a unit of employees. An **RC** petition is generally filed by a union that desires to be certified as the bargaining representative. An **RD** petition is filed by employees who seek to remove the currently recognized union as the bargaining representative. An **RM** petition is filed by an employer who seeks an election because one or more individuals or unions have sought recognition as the bargaining representative, or based on a reasonable belief supported by objective considerations that the currently recognized union has lost its majority status. This form generally describes representation case procedures in RC, RD and RM cases, also referred to as certification and decertification cases.

Right to be Represented – Any party to a case with the NLRB has the right to be represented by an attorney or other representative in any proceeding before the NLRB. A party wishing to have a representative appear on its behalf should have the representative complete a Notice of Appearance (Form NLRB-4701), and E-File it at www.nlrb.gov or forward it to the NLRB Regional Office handling the petition as soon as possible.

Filing and Service of Petition – A party filing an RC, RD or RM petition is required to serve a copy of its petition on the parties named in the petition along with this form and the Statement of Position form. The petitioner files the petition with the NLRB, together with (1) a certificate showing service of these documents on the other parties named in the petition, and (2) a showing of interest to support the petition. The showing of interest is not served on the other parties.

Notice of Hearing – After a petition in a certification or decertification case is filed with the NLRB, the NLRB reviews the petition, certificate of service, and the required showing of interest for sufficiency, assigns the petition a case number, and promptly sends letters to the parties notifying them of the Board agent who will be handling the case. In most cases, the letters include a Notice of Representation Hearing. Except in cases presenting unusually complex issues, this pre-election hearing is set for a date 14 business days (excluding weekends and federal holidays) from the date of service of the notice of hearing. Once the hearing begins, it will continue day to day until completed absent extraordinary circumstances. The Notice of Representation Hearing also sets the due date for filing and serving the Statement(s) of Position and the Responsive Statement of Position(s). Included with the Notice of Representation Hearing are the following: (1) copy of the petition, (2) this form, (3) Statement of Position for non-petitioning parties, (4) petitioner's Responsive Statement of Position, (5) Notice of Petition for Election, and (6) letter advising how to contact the Board agent who will be handling the case and discussing those documents.

Hearing Postponement: Requests to postpone the hearing are not routinely granted, but the regional director may postpone the hearing for good cause. A party wishing to request a postponement should make the request in writing and set forth in detail the grounds for the request. The request should include the positions of the other parties regarding the postponement. The request must be filed electronically ("E-Filed") on the Agency's website (www.nlrb.gov) by following the instructions on the website. A copy of the request must be served simultaneously on all the other parties, and that fact must be noted in the request.

Statement of Position Form and List(s) of Employees – The Statement of Position form solicits commerce and other information that will facilitate entry into election agreements or streamline the pre-election hearing if the parties are unable to enter into an election agreement. In an **RC** or **RD** case, as part of its Statement of Position form, the employer also provides a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, and job classifications of all individuals in the proposed unit. If the employer contends that the proposed unit is not appropriate, the employer must separately list the same information for all individuals that the employer contends must be added to the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit, and must further indicate those individuals, if any, whom it believes must be excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. These lists must be alphabetized (overall or by department). Unless the employer certifies that it does not possess the capacity to produce the lists in the required form, the lists must be in a table in a Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx) or a file that is compatible with Microsoft Word, the first column of the table must begin

with each employee's last name, and the font size of the list must be the equivalent of Times New Roman 10 or larger. That font does not need to be used but the font must be that size or larger. A sample, optional form for the list is provided on the NLRB website at www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional Forms for Voter List.docx

Ordinarily the Statement of Position must be filed with the Regional Office and served on the other parties such that it is received by them by noon 8 business days from the issuance of the Notice of Hearing. The regional director may postpone the due date for filing and serving the Statement of Position for good cause. The Statement of Position form must be E-Filed but, unlike other E-Filed documents, will not be timely if filed on the due date but after noon in the time zone of the Region where the petition is filed. Consequences for failing to satisfy the Statement of Position requirement are discussed on the following page under the heading "Preclusion." A request to postpone the hearing will not automatically be treated as a request for an extension of the Statement of Position due date. If a party wishes to request both a postponement of the hearing and a postponement of the Statement of Position due date, the request must make that clear and must specify the reasons that postponements of both are sought.

Responsive Statement of Position – Petitioner's Responsive Statement(s) of Position solicits a response to the Statement(s) of Position filed by the other parties and further facilitates entry into election agreements or streamlines the preelection hearing. A petitioner must file a Responsive Statement of Position in response to each party's Statement of Position addressing each issue in each Statement of Position(s), if desired. In the case of an RM petition, the employer-petitioner must also provide commerce information and file and serve a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, and job classifications of all individuals in the proposed unit. Ordinarily, the Responsive Statement of Position must be electronically filed with the Regional Office and served on the other parties such that it is received by noon 3 business days prior to the hearing. The regional director may postpone the due date for filing and serving the Responsive Statement of Position for good cause. The Responsive Statement of Position form must be E-Filed but, unlike other E-Filed documents, will not be timely if filed on the due date but after noon in the time zone of the Region where the petition is filed. Consequences for failing to satisfy the Responsive Statement of Position requirement are discussed on the following page under the heading "Preclusion." A request to postpone the hearing will not automatically be treated as a request for an extension of the Responsive Statement of Position due date. If a party wishes to request both a postponement of the hearing and a Postponement of the Responsive Statement of Position due date, the request must make that clear and must specify the reasons that postponements of both are sought.

Posting and Distribution of Notice of Petition for Election – Within 5 business days after service of the notice of hearing, the employer must post the Notice of Petition for Election in conspicuous places, including all places where notices to employees are customarily posted, and must also distribute it electronically to the employees in the petitioned-for unit if the employer customarily communicates with these employees electronically. The employer must maintain the posting until the petition is dismissed or withdrawn, or the Notice of Petition for Election is replaced by the Notice of Election. The employer's failure properly to post or distribute the Notice of Petition for Election may be grounds for setting aside the election if proper and timely objections are filed.

Election Agreements – Elections can occur either by agreement of the parties or by direction of the regional director or the Board. Three types of agreements are available: (1) a Consent Election Agreement (Form NLRB-651); (2) a Stipulated Election Agreement (Form NLRB-652); and (3) a Full Consent Agreement (Form NLRB-5509). In the Consent Election Agreement and the Stipulated Election Agreement, the parties agree on an appropriate unit and the method, date, time, and place of a secret ballot election that will be conducted by an NLRB agent. In the Consent Agreement, the parties also agree that post-election matters (election objections or determinative challenged ballots) will be resolved with finality by the regional director; whereas in the Stipulated Election Agreement, the parties agree that they may request Board review of the regional director's post-election determinations. A Full Consent Agreement provides that the regional director will make final determinations regarding all pre-election and post-election issues.

Hearing Cancellation Based on Agreement of the Parties – The issuance of the Notice of Representation Hearing does not mean that the matter cannot be resolved by agreement of the parties. On the contrary, the NLRB encourages prompt voluntary adjustments and the Board agent assigned to the case will work with the parties to enter into an election agreement, so the parties can avoid the time and expense of participating in a hearing.

Hearing – A hearing will be held unless the parties enter into an election agreement approved by the regional director or the petition is dismissed or withdrawn.

Purpose of Hearing: The primary purpose of a pre-election hearing is to determine if a question of representation exists. A question of representation exists if a proper petition has been filed concerning a unit appropriate for the purpose of collective bargaining or, in the case of a decertification petition, concerning a unit in which a labor organization has been certified or is being currently recognized by the employer as the bargaining representative.

Issues at Hearing: Issues that might be litigated at the pre-election hearing include: jurisdiction; labor organization status; bars to elections; unit appropriateness; expanding and contracting unit issues; inclusion of professional employees with nonprofessional employees; seasonal operation; potential mixed guard/non-guard unit; and eligibility formulas. At the hearing, the timely filed Statement of Position and Responsive Statement of Position(s) will be received into evidence. The hearing officer will not receive evidence concerning any issue as to which the parties have not taken adverse positions, except for evidence regarding the Board's jurisdiction over the employer and evidence concerning any issue, such as the appropriateness of the proposed unit, as to which the regional director determines that record evidence is necessary.

Preclusion: At the hearing, a party will be precluded from raising any issue, presenting any evidence relating to any issue, cross-examining any witness concerning any issue, and presenting argument concerning any issue that the party failed to raise in its timely Statement of Position or Responsive Statement of Position(s) or to place in dispute in timely response to another party's Statement of Position or response, except that no party will be precluded from contesting or presenting evidence relevant to the Board's statutory jurisdiction to process the petition. Nor shall any party be precluded, on the grounds that a voter's eligibility or inclusion was not contested at the pre-election hearing, from challenging the eligibility of any voter during the election. If a party contends that the proposed unit is not appropriate in its Statement of Position but fails to specify the classifications, locations, or other employee groupings that must be added to or excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit, the party shall also be precluded from raising any issue as to the appropriateness of the unit, presenting any evidence relating to the appropriateness of the unit, cross examining any witness concerning the appropriateness of the unit, and presenting argument concerning the appropriateness of the unit. As set forth in §102.66(d) of the Board's rules, if the employer fails to timely furnish the lists of employees, the employer will be precluded from contesting the appropriateness of the proposed unit at any time and from contesting the eligibility or inclusion of any individuals at the pre-election hearing, including by presenting evidence or argument, or by cross-examination of witnesses.

Conduct of Hearing: If held, the hearing is usually open to the public and will be conducted by a hearing officer of the NLRB. Any party has the right to appear at any hearing in person, by counsel, or by other representative, to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses, and to introduce into the record evidence of the significant facts that support the party's contentions and are relevant to the existence of a question of representation. The hearing officer also has the power to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses and to introduce into the record documentary and other evidence. Witnesses will be examined orally under oath. The rules of evidence prevailing in courts of law or equity shall not be controlling. Parties appearing at any hearing who have or whose witnesses have disabilities falling within the provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and 29 C.F.R. 100.503, and who in order to participate in this hearing need appropriate auxiliary aids, as defined in 29 C.F.R. 100.503, should notify the regional director as soon as possible and request the necessary assistance.

Official Record: An official reporter will make the only official transcript of the proceedings and all citations in briefs or arguments must refer to the official record. (Copies of exhibits should be supplied to the hearing officer and other parties at the time the exhibit is offered in evidence.) All statements made at the hearing will be recorded by the official reporter while the hearing is on the record. If a party wishes to make off-the-record remarks, requests to make such remarks should be directed to the hearing officer and not to the official reporter. After the close of the hearing, any request for corrections to the record, either by stipulation or motion, should be forwarded to the regional director.

Motions and Objections: All motions must be in writing unless stated orally on the record at the hearing and must briefly state the relief sought and the grounds for the motion. A copy of any motion must be served immediately on the other parties to the proceeding. Motions made during the hearing are filed with the hearing officer. All other motions are filed with the regional director, except that motions made after the transfer of the record to the Board are filed with the Board. If not E-Filed, an original and two copies of written motions shall be filed. Statements of reasons in support of motions or objections should be as concise as possible. Objections shall not be deemed waived by further participation in the hearing. On

appropriate request, objections may be permitted to stand to an entire line of questioning. Automatic exceptions will be allowed to all adverse rulings.

Election Details: Prior to the close of the hearing the hearing officer will: (1) solicit the parties' positions (but will not permit litigation) on the type, date(s), time(s), and location(s) of the election and the eligibility period; (2) solicit the name, address, email address, facsimile number, and phone number of the employer's on-site representative to whom the regional director should transmit the Notice of Election if an election is directed; (3) inform the parties that the regional director will issue a decision as soon as practicable and will immediately transmit the document to the parties and their designated representatives by email, facsimile, or by overnight mail (if neither an email address nor facsimile number was provided); and (4) inform the parties of their obligations if the director directs an election and of the time for complying with those obligations.

Oral Argument and Briefs: Upon request, any party is entitled to a reasonable period at the close of the hearing for oral argument, which will be included in the official transcript of the hearing. At any time before the close of the hearing, any party may file a memorandum addressing relevant issues or points of law. Post-hearing briefs shall be due within 5 business days of the close of the hearing. The hearing officer may allow up to 10 additional business days for such briefs prior to the close of hearing and for good cause. If filed, copies of the memorandum or brief shall be served on all other parties to the proceeding and a statement of such service shall be filed with the memorandum or brief. No reply brief may be filed except upon special leave of the regional director. Briefs including electronic documents, filed with the Regional Director must be formatted as double-spaced in an 8½ by 11 inch format and must be e-filed through the Board's website, www.nlr.gov.

Regional Director Decision - After the hearing, the regional director issues a decision directing an election, dismissing the petition or reopening the hearing. A request for review of the regional director's pre-election decision may be filed with the Board at any time after issuance of the decision until 10 business days after a final disposition of the proceeding by the regional director. Accordingly, a party need not file a request for review before the election in order to preserve its right to contest that decision after the election. Instead, a party can wait to see whether the election results have mooted the basis of an appeal. The Board will grant a request for review only where compelling reasons exist therefor.

Voter List – The employer must provide to the regional director and the parties named in the election agreement or direction of election a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, job classifications, and contact information (including home addresses, available personal email addresses, and available home and personal cellular ("cell") telephone numbers) of all eligible voters. (In construction industry elections, unless the parties stipulate to the contrary, also eligible to vote are all employees in the unit who either (1) were employed a total of 30 working days or more within the 12 months preceding the election eligibility date or (2) had some employment in the 12 months preceding the election eligibility date and were employed 45 working days or more within the 24 months immediately preceding the election eligibility date. However, employees meeting either of those criteria who were terminated for cause or who quit voluntarily prior to the completion of the last job for which they were employed, are not eligible.) The employer must also include in a separate section of the voter list the same information for those individuals whom the parties have agreed should be permitted to vote subject to challenge or those individuals who, according to the direction of election, will be permitted to vote subject to challenge. The list of names must be alphabetized (overall or by department) and be in the same Microsoft Word file (or Microsoft Word compatible file) format as the initial lists provided with the Statement of Position form unless the parties agree to a different format or the employer certifies that it does not possess the capacity to produce the list in the required form. When feasible, the list must be filed electronically with the regional director and served electronically on the other parties named in the agreement or direction. To be timely filed and served, the voter list must be received by the regional director and the parties named in the agreement or direction respectively within 2 business days after the approval of the agreement or issuance of the direction of elections unless a longer time is specified in the agreement or direction. A certificate of service on all parties must be filed with the regional director when the voter list is filed. The employer's failure to file or serve the list within the specified time or in proper format shall be grounds for setting aside the election whenever proper and timely objections are filed. The parties shall not use the list for purposes other than the representation proceeding, Board proceedings arising from it, and related matters.

Waiver of Time to Use Voter List – Under existing NLRB practice, an election is not ordinarily scheduled for a date earlier than 10 calendar days after the date when the employer must file the voter list with the Regional Office. However, the parties entitled to receive the voter list may waive all or part of the 10-day

period by executing Form NLRB-4483. A waiver will not be effective unless all parties who are entitled to the list agree to waive the same number of days.

Election – Information about the election, requirements to post and distribute the Notice of Election, and possible proceedings after the election is available from the Regional Office and will be provided to the parties when the Notice of Election is sent to the parties.

Withdrawal or Dismissal – If it is determined that the NLRB does not have jurisdiction or that other criteria for proceeding to an election are not met, the petitioner is offered an opportunity to withdraw the petition. If the petitioner does not withdraw the petition, the regional director will dismiss the petition and advise the petitioner of the reason for the dismissal and of the right to appeal to the Board.

REVIEW THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE FILLING OUT A STATEMENT OF POSITION FORM

Completing and Filing this Form: The Notice of Hearing indicates which parties are responsible for completing the form. If you are required to complete the form, you must have it signed by an authorized representative and file a completed copy (including all attachments) with the RD and serve copies on all parties named in the petition by the date and time established for its submission. If more space is needed for your answers, additional pages may be attached. If you have questions about this form or would like assistance in filling out this form, please contact the Board agent assigned to handle this case. **You must EFile your Statement of Position at www.nlrb.gov, but unlike other e-Filed documents, it will *not* be timely if filed on the due date but after noon in the time zone of the Region where the petition was filed.**

***Note:** Non-employer parties who complete this Statement of Position are NOT required to complete items 8f and 8g of the form, or to provide a commerce questionnaire or the lists described in item 7.*

Required Lists: The employer's Statement of Position must include a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, and job classifications of all individuals in the proposed unit as of the payroll period preceding the filing of the petition who remain employed at the time of filing. If the employer contends that the proposed unit is inappropriate, the employer must separately list the full names, work locations, shifts and job classifications of all individuals that it contends must be added to the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. The employer must also indicate those individuals, if any, whom it believes must be excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. These lists must be alphabetized (overall or by department). Unless the employer certifies that it does not possess the capacity to produce the lists in the required form, the lists must be in a table in a Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx) or a file that is compatible with Microsoft Word, the first column of the table must begin with each employee's last name, and the font size of the list must be the equivalent of Times New Roman 10 or larger. That font does not need to be used but the font must be that size or larger. A sample, optional form for the list is provided on the NLRB website at [www.nlrb.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional Forms for Voter List.docx](http://www.nlrb.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional%20Forms%20for%20Voter%20List.docx).

Consequences of Failure to Supply Information: Failure to supply the information requested by this form may preclude you from litigating issues under 102.66(d) of the Board's Rules and Regulations. Section 102.66(d) provides as follows:

A party shall be precluded from raising any issue, presenting any evidence relating to any issue, cross-examining any witness concerning any issue, and presenting argument concerning any issue that the party failed to raise in its timely Statement of Position or to place in dispute in response to another party's Statement of Position or response, except that no party shall be precluded from contesting or presenting evidence relevant to the Board's statutory jurisdiction to process the petition. Nor shall any party be precluded, on the grounds that a voter's eligibility or inclusion was not contested at the pre-election hearing, from challenging the eligibility of any voter during the election. If a party contends that the proposed unit is not appropriate in its Statement of Position but fails to specify the classifications, locations, or other employee groupings that must be added to or excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit, the party shall also be precluded from raising any issue as to the appropriateness of the unit, presenting any evidence relating to the appropriateness of the unit, cross-examining any witness concerning the appropriateness of the unit, and presenting argument concerning the appropriateness of the unit. If the employer fails to timely furnish the lists of employees described in §§102.63(b)(1)(iii), (b)(2)(iii), or (b)(3)(iii), the employer shall be precluded from contesting the appropriateness of the proposed unit at any time and from contesting the eligibility or inclusion of any individuals at the pre-election hearing, including by presenting evidence or argument, or by cross-examination of witnesses.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
STATEMENT OF POSITION

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

Case No.

01-RD-278408

Date Filed

June 11, 2021

INSTRUCTIONS: Submit this Statement of Position to an NLRB Office in the Region in which the petition was filed and serve it and all attachments on each party named in the petition in this case such that it is received by them by the date and time specified in the notice of hearing.

Note: Non-employer parties who complete this form are NOT required to complete items 8f or 8g below or to provide a commerce questionnaire or the lists described in item 7.

1a. Full name of party filing Statement of Position		1c. Business Phone:	1e. Fax No.:
1b. Address (Street and number, city, state, and ZIP code)		1d. Cell No.:	1f. e-Mail Address
2. Do you agree that the NLRB has jurisdiction over the Employer in this case? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (A completed commerce questionnaire (Attachment A) must be submitted by the Employer, regardless of whether jurisdiction is admitted)			
3. Do you agree that the proposed unit is appropriate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If not, answer 3a and 3b)			
a. State the basis for your contention that the proposed unit is not appropriate. (If you contend a classification should be excluded or included briefly explain why, such as shares a community of interest or are supervisors or guards)			
b. State any classifications, locations, or other employee groupings that must be added to or excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit.			
Added		Excluded	
4. Other than the individuals in classifications listed in 3b, list any individual(s) whose eligibility to vote you intend to contest at the pre-election hearing in this case and the basis for contesting their eligibility.			
5. Is there a bar to conducting an election in this case? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, state the basis for your position.			
6. Describe all other issues you intend to raise at the pre-election hearing.			
7. The employer must provide the following lists which must be alphabetized (overall or by department) in the format specified at www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional Forms for Voter List.docx . (a) A list containing the full names, work locations, shifts and job classification of all individuals in the proposed unit as of the payroll period immediately preceding the filing of the petition who remain employed as of the date of the filing of the petition. (Attachment B) (b) If the employer contends that the proposed unit is inappropriate the employer must provide (1) a separate list containing the full names, work locations, shifts and job classifications of all individuals that it contends must be <i>added</i> to the proposed unit, if any to make it an appropriate unit, (Attachment C) and (2) a list containing the full names of any individuals it contends must be <i>excluded</i> from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. (Attachment D)			
8a. State your position with respect to the details of any election that may be conducted in this matter. Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Manual/Mail			
8b. Date(s)	8c. Time(s)	8d. Location(s)	
8e. Eligibility Period (e.g. special eligibility formula)	8f. Last Payroll Period Ending Date	8g. Length of payroll period <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Biweekly <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify length)	
9. Representative who will accept service of all papers for purposes of the representation proceeding			
9a. Full name and title of authorized representative	9b. Signature of authorized representative		9c. Date
9d. Address (Street and number, city, state, and ZIP code)			9e. e-Mail Address
9f. Business Phone No.:		9g. Fax No.	9h. Cell No.

WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS PETITION CAN BE PUNISHED BY FINE AND IMPRISONMENT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 18, SECTION 1001)

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Solicitation of the information on this form is authorized by the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), 29 U.S.C. Section 151 et seq. The principal use of the information is to assist the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in processing representation proceedings. The routine uses for the information are fully set forth in the Federal Register, 71 Fed. Reg. 74942-43 (December 13, 2006). The NLRB will further explain these uses upon request. Failure to supply the information requested by this form may preclude you from litigating issues under 102.66(d) of the Board's Rules and Regulations and may cause the NLRB to refuse to further process a representation case or may cause the NLRB to issue you a subpoena and seek enforcement of the subpoena in federal court.

QUESTIONNAIRE ON COMMERCE INFORMATION

Please read carefully, answer all applicable items, and return to the NLRB Office. If additional space is required, please add a page and identify item number.

CASE NAME

CASE NUMBER
01-RD-278408

1. EXACT LEGAL TITLE OF ENTITY (As filed with State and/or stated in legal documents forming entity)

2. TYPE OF ENTITY

☐ CORPORATION ☐ LLC ☐ LLP ☐ PARTNERSHIP ☐ SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP ☐ OTHER (Specify)

3. IF A CORPORATION or LLC

A. STATE OF INCORPORATION
OR FORMATION

B. NAME, ADDRESS, AND RELATIONSHIP (e.g. parent, subsidiary) OF ALL RELATED ENTITIES

4. IF AN LLC OR ANY TYPE OF PARTNERSHIP, FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF ALL MEMBERS OR PARTNERS

5. IF A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF PROPRIETOR

6. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE NATURE OF YOUR OPERATIONS (Products handled or manufactured, or nature of services performed).

7A. PRINCIPAL LOCATION:

7B. BRANCH LOCATIONS:

8. NUMBER OF PEOPLE PRESENTLY EMPLOYED

A. TOTAL:

B. AT THE ADDRESS INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER:

9. DURING THE MOST RECENT (Check the appropriate box): ☐ CALENDAR ☐ 12 MONTHS or ☐ FISCAL YEAR (FY DATES _____)

YES

NO

A. Did you provide services valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers outside your State? If no, indicate actual value.
\$ _____

B. If you answered no to 9A, did you provide services valued in excess of \$50,000 to customers in your State who purchased goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If no, indicate the value of any such services you provided. \$ _____

C. If you answered no to 9A and 9B, did you provide services valued in excess of \$50,000 to public utilities, transit systems, newspapers, health care institutions, broadcasting stations, commercial buildings, educational institutions, or retail concerns? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____

D. Did you sell goods valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers located outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____

E. If you answered no to 9D, did you sell goods valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers located inside your State who purchased other goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____

F. Did you purchase and receive goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____

G. Did you purchase and receive goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from enterprises who received the goods directly from points outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____

H. Gross Revenues from all sales or performance of services (Check the largest amount)

☐ \$100,000 ☐ \$250,000 ☐ \$500,000 ☐ \$1,000,000 or more If less than \$100,000, indicate amount.

I. Did you begin operations within the last 12 months? If yes, specify date: _____

10. ARE YOU A MEMBER OF AN ASSOCIATION OR OTHER EMPLOYER GROUP THAT ENGAGES IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING?

☐ YES ☐ NO (If yes, name and address of association or group).

11. REPRESENTATIVE BEST QUALIFIED TO GIVE FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR OPERATIONS

NAME

TITLE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

TEL. NUMBER

12. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME AND TITLE (Type or Print)

SIGNATURE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

DATE

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

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REVIEW THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE FILLING OUT A RESPONSIVE STATEMENT OF POSITION FORM

Completing and Filing this Form: For **RC and RD petitions**, the Petitioner is required to complete this form in response to each timely filed and served Statement of Position filed by another party. For **RM petitions**, the Employer-Petitioner must complete a Responsive Statement of Position form and submit the list described below. In accordance with Section 102.63(b) of the Board's Rules, if you are required to complete the form, you must have it signed by an authorized representative, and file a completed copy with any necessary attachments, with this office and serve it on all parties named in the petition responding to the issues raised in another party's Statement of Position, such that it is received no later than noon three business days before the date of the hearing. A separate form must be completed for each timely filed and properly served Statement of Position you receive. If more space is needed for your answers, additional pages may be attached. If you have questions about this form or would like assistance in filling out this form, please contact the Board agent assigned to handle this case. **You must E-File your Responsive Statement of Position at www.NLRB.gov, but unlike other e-Filed documents, it will *not* be timely if filed on the due date but after noon in the time zone of the Region where the petition was filed. Note that if you are completing this form as a PDF downloaded from www.NLRB.gov, the form will lock upon signature and no further editing may be made.**

Required List: In addition to responding to the issues raised in another party's Statement of Position, if any, the Employer-Petitioner in an RM case is required to file and serve on the parties a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, and job classifications of all individuals in the proposed unit as of the payroll period preceding the filing of the petition who remain employed at the time of filing. This list must be alphabetized (overall or by department). Unless the employer certifies that it does not possess the capacity to produce the list in the required form, the list must be in a table in a Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx) or a file that is compatible with Microsoft Word, the first column of the table must begin with each employee's last name, and the font size of the list must be the equivalent of Times New Roman 10 or larger. That font does not need to be used but the font must be that size or larger. A sample, optional form for the list is provided on the NLRB website at [www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional Forms for Voter List.docx](http://www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional%20Forms%20for%20Voter%20List.docx)

Consequences of Failure to Submit a Responsive Statement of Position: Failure to supply the information requested by this form may preclude you from litigating issues under 102.66(d) of the Board's Rules and Regulations. Section 102.66(d) provides as follows:

A party shall be precluded from raising any issue, presenting any evidence relating to any issue, cross-examining any witness concerning any issue, and presenting argument concerning any issue that the party failed to raise in its timely Statement of Position or to place in dispute in response to another party's Statement of Position or response, except that no party shall be precluded from contesting or presenting evidence relevant to the Board's statutory jurisdiction to process the petition. Nor shall any party be precluded, on the grounds that a voter's eligibility or inclusion was not contested at the pre-election hearing, from challenging the eligibility of any voter during the election. If a party contends that the proposed unit is not appropriate in its Statement of Position but fails to specify the classifications, locations, or other employee groupings that must be added to or excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit, the party shall also be precluded from raising any issue as to the appropriateness of the unit, presenting any evidence relating to the appropriateness of the unit, cross-examining any witness concerning the appropriateness of the unit, and presenting argument concerning the appropriateness of the unit. If the employer fails to timely furnish the lists of employees described in §§102.63(b)(1)(iii), (b)(2)(iii), or (b)(3)(iii), the employer shall be precluded from contesting the appropriateness of the proposed unit at any time and from contesting the eligibility or inclusion of any individuals at the pre-election hearing, including by presenting evidence or argument, or by cross-examination of witnesses.

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NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
RESPONSIVE STATEMENT OF POSITION – RC, RD or RM PETITION

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Case No.
01-RD-278408

Date Filed
June 11, 2021

INSTRUCTIONS: If a party has submitted and served on you a timely Statement of Position to an RC, RD or RM petition, the Petitioner must submit this Responsive Statement of Position to an NLRB Office in the Region in which the petition was filed and serve it and any attachments on each party named in the petition in this case such that it is received by noon local time, three business days prior to the hearing date specified in the Notice of Hearing. A separate form must be completed for each timely filed and properly served Statement of Position received by the Petitioner. The Petitioner-Employer in a RM case is required to file this Responsive Statement of Position and include an appropriate employee list without regard to whether another party has filed a Statement of Position.

This Responsive Statement of Position is filed by the Petitioner in response to a Statement of Position received from the following party:

The Employer

An Intervenor/Union

1a. Full Name of Party Filing Responsive Statement of Position

1c. Business Phone

1d. Cell No.

1e. Fax No.

1f. E-Mail Address

1b. Address (Street and Number, City, State, and ZIP Code)

2. Identify all issues raised in the other party's Statement of Position that you dispute and describe the basis of your dispute:

a. EMPLOYER NAME/IDENTITY [Box 1a of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505 and Questionnaire on Commerce Information]

☐ No Dispute (no further response required) ☐ Dispute (response required below)

Response to Statement of Position:

b. JURISDICTION [Box 2 of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505 and Questionnaire on Commerce Information]

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Response to Statement of Position:

c. APPROPRIATENESS OF UNIT [Boxes 3, 3a and 3b of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505]

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Response to Statement of Position:

d. INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY [Box 4 of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505]

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Response to Statement of Position:

e. BARS TO ELECTION [Box 5 of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505]

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Response to Statement of Position:

f. ALL OTHER ISSUES [Box 6 of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505]

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Response to Statement of Position:

g. ELECTION DETAILS [Boxes 8a, 8b, 8c, 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505]

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Response to Statement of Position:

Full Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

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Please fill all necessary fields on the form PRIOR to digitally signing. To make changes after the form has been signed, right-click on the signature field and click "clear signature." Once complete, please sign the form.

From: cbouchie@ufcw1459.com
To: [Kotulski, Lindsey E.](#)
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Subject: Re: Wild Oats Cooperative; 01-RD-278408
Date: Friday, June 11, 2021 4:37:32 PM
Attachments: [UFCW Local 1459 20210611 163216.pdf](#)
[UFCW Local 1459 20210611 164301.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Good afternoon Lindsey,

The Union will be represented by Terry Coles. I've cc'd him on this email. I've attached the cba and the MOA regarding the extension of the cba.

Thank you

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On 2021-06-11 15:59, Kotulski, Lindsey E. wrote:

Good afternoon Crystal,

I was just assigned the above petition. Please give me a call to discuss whether the Union will be represented by counsel. It would also be helpful if you could send me a copy of the c/b/a.

Thank you and have a nice weekend,

Lindsey

Lindsey E. Kotulski

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https://apps.nlr.gov/myAccount/assets/My%20Account%20Portal%20Overview/story_html5.html

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LOCAL 1459

AGREEMENT

Between

WILD OATS

and

United Food and Commercial Workers Union

Local 1459

January 5, 2018 - January 4, 2021

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This AGREEMENT, made and entered into in Williamstown, Massachusetts by and between Wild Oats Cooperative Inc., a cooperative chartered under the State of Massachusetts, hereinafter referred to as the "Co-op" and the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 1459, hereinafter referred to as the "Union", as the representative of the bargaining unit Employees, hereinafter referred to as the "Employees" of the Wild Oats Co-op.

Whereas it is the intent and purpose of the Co-op and the Union to promote and improve labor management relations between them and to set forth herein the basic terms of the Agreement covering wages, hours and conditions of employment to be observed by the Co-op, the Union and the Employees.

Therefore, in consideration of the mutual promises and agreements between the parties hereto and in consideration of their mutual desires in promoting the efficient conduct of business and in providing for the orderly settlement of disputes between them, the parties to this Agreement agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - RECOGNITION OF THE BARGAINING UNIT

Section 1- The Co-op recognizes the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 1459 as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for employees covered by this agreement. The Co-op, in addition, agrees that it will give the Union notice and opportunity to bargain over any new or modified bargaining unit positions when and if they are created by the Co-op.

Section 2-The bargaining unit is defined as all full time and part time employees employed by the Employer at its 320 Main Street facility in Williamstown, MA.

The following positions will be excluded from the bargaining unit by this agreement: General Manager, Operations Manager, Produce, Meat and Cheese Manager, Grocery Manager, Customer Service Manager, Deli Manager, Bakery Manager, Finance and Human Resources Manager, Marketing Manager, managerial employees, guards, and supervisors as defined in the Act.

ARTICLE 2 - NO INDIVIDUAL OR OTHER AGREEMENTS

Section 1. The Co-op agrees that it will not enter into any individual agreements with any Employee covered by this Agreement which is contrary to the terms of this Agreement.

Section 2. This Agreement may not be waived or modified in any way except by written agreement of the Co-op and the Union.

Section 3. The Co-op agrees not to enter into any other agreements with any other labor organization during the life of this Agreement with respect to Employees covered by this Agreement.

ARTICLE 3 - INTERPRETATION OF AGREEMENT

The only persons qualified to interpret this Agreement on behalf of the Union shall be the Officers of the Union, or their successors. The only persons qualified to interpret this Agreement on behalf of the Co-op shall be the General Manager or his/her designee.

ARTICLE 4 - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

Section One: The Co-op will continue to have all inherent common law rights, rights established through past practices, rights and authorities the Co-op had prior to the signing of the agreement, and rights which are not specifically and expressly limited by a specific provision of this contract, to manage its business regarding the direction and control of its workforce, including assignments of work and hours including scheduling of overtime.

Section Two: Without limiting the foregoing, this includes:

- The determination of products to be sold and services to be rendered
- The layout, pricing and equipment to be used in the business
- The processes, techniques, methods, and means of selling and purchasing, as well as the right to introduce new products, methods, processes, jobs or classifications or change, delete or combine existing methods, processes, jobs or classifications
- The hours of operation of the co-op
- The size of the work force
- The structure and number of supervisor and management positions in the co-op
- The right to determine policies affecting the selection and training of employees and the right to hire, discharge, suspend and demote, rehire, recall, transfer, promote, and lay off employees
- The right to judge the comparative capabilities and qualifications of employees
- The right to establish qualitative and quantitative standards and judgment of employee performance and workmanship required
- Whether to promote individuals to management positions
- The allocation and assignment of hours and work or workers
- The determination of when managers can perform the work or operation of an hourly paid employee
- The right to enforce reasonable rules and regulations, and to make changes and enforce changes to such rules and regulations
- Maintaining discipline and control and use of the property and the determination of safety, health and protection measures for the Co-op

ARTICLE 5 - UNION BUSINESS

Section 1-Representatives of the Union may visit the Co-op's facility for the purpose of discussing grievances and other union matters with employees. The representative will announce visitation upon arrival to the General Manager, or, in the General Manager's absence, the Person In Charge (PIC), and will not unduly interfere with the workflow.

Section 2- The Co-op agrees to provide space on a bulletin board which is designated as the union bulletin board. Union Stewards will maintain the bulletin board.

Section 3-The Union Staff Representative shall be allowed to use the employee break room for the purposes of communicating with Union members.

Section 4-The Union shall have the right to display the Union decal on the Co-op's property in a mutually agreed location.

Section 5- The Co-op agrees to recognize a maximum total of three (3) union stewards.

Section 6-The Union has the right to inspect employee work records for the processing of grievances and enforcement of this agreement.

ARTICLE 6 - NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Co-op and the Union agree that employees have the right to a harassment-free and discrimination-free workplace, and therefore will not be discriminated against in hiring, promotions, training, compensation, corrective action or layoffs on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, Veteran status, disability, genetic information, or union status, or any other status protected by law.

Employees are encouraged to review Wild Oats Market's Anti-Harassment Policies within the Employee Policy Manual for additional information.

ARTICLE 7 - BARGAINING UNIT WORK

Section 1- It is agreed and understood between the Union and the Co-op that they have a mutual interest in protecting work opportunities for all members of the bargaining unit and as such it is agreed that the work traditionally performed by members of the bargaining unit is clerk's work. Members of management may perform bargaining unit work as they have prior to this agreement.

Section 2- The parties agree that department managers and supervisors have and will continue to perform bargaining unit work as part of their normal job duties. However, the aggregate amount of bargaining unit work traditionally performed by members of management shall not be increased in any month if such action would have the effect of reducing the hours traditionally worked by clerks. It is also mutually recognized by both the Co-op and the Union that there are regular (including seasonal and monthly) and irregular variances in sales volumes and work assignments that may lead to reduced hour assignments for employees.

ARTICLE 8 - EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

Employees have a right to the following-

- Open Communication- Employees have the right to use established channels (Department Manager, Store Operations Manager, General Manager, Human Resources and the

Union) to contribute input into decisions impacting their work. Employees are encouraged to participate in staff meetings to become informed about key issues and make their needs, ideas, and perspectives known.

- Health and Safety- Employees have a right to a safe, healthy workplace. This includes training in safe handling of equipment and information regarding health effects of equipment and goods handled.
- Fair Treatment- Employees have a right to appeal corrective action or policies using the grievance process without fear of reprisal.
- Skill Development- The Co-op is committed to the skill development of employees. Resources will be allotted at managerial discretion for training, and current staff will be considered for training and advancement when the need for new skills to be brought into the co-op arises.

ARTICLE 9 - NO STRIKE, NO LOCKOUT

Section 1- During the term of this Agreement neither the Union nor the employees will instigate, promote, engage in, or condone any strike, slowdown, concerted stoppage of work, or refusal to perform any work; nor shall any employee in any way engage or partake in any sympathetic strike of the Co-op facility. The Co-op shall have the right to discharge or otherwise discipline any employee who engages in such prohibited activities subject to review through the grievance procedure.

Section 2- During the term of this Agreement, the co-op agrees that it will not institute a lockout of its employees.

ARTICLE 10 - UNION SHOP

Section 1- All present employees who are members of the local Union on the effective date of this section, or on the date of execution of this agreement, whichever is later, shall remain members of the local Union as a condition of employment. All present employees who are not members of the local Union and all employees who are hired hereafter shall become and remain members of the local Union as a condition of employment on and after the ninety- first (91) day following the beginning of their employment or on and after the ninety- first (91) day following the effective date of this agreement, whichever is later. For purposes of this Article, the term becoming and remaining members of the Union is limited to the requirement of tendering membership fees, initiation fees and service fees. The Union will begin to collect membership/service fees as well as initiation fees on the sixty-first (61) day of employment. The provisions of this agreement provide the Co-op with a ninety (90) day probationary period for new employees; if a new employee fails to successfully complete this probationary period the Union agrees to return any fees deducted to date to the employee.

Section 2- The Co-op agrees to deduct union dues/and or service fees and initiation fees from the wages of those employees in the bargaining unit who provide the Co-op with a voluntary written

authorization which shall not be irrevocable for a period of more than one year beyond the termination date of this agreement, whichever occurs sooner.

Section 3- The deduction of the union dues and/or service fees shall be made during each pay period and shall be forwarded to the Union by the tenth (10) day of the month following the deduction. In the event no wages are due the employee, or are insufficient to cover the required deduction, the deduction for such month shall be made in the succeeding month and forwarded to the Union.

Section 4- The Co-op agrees to furnish to the Union, on or before the tenth (10) day of each month, a list of bargaining unit employees hired during the previous month. Such list is to include the following information: The employee's name, resident address, social security number, date of employment, and classification. The Union will provide a reminder to the Co-op prior to filing a grievance for noncompliance with this Section.

Section 5- The Co-op also agrees to notify the Union of terminated employees and the date of termination by the tenth (10) day of the month following termination. The Union will provide a reminder to the Co-op prior to filing a grievance for noncompliance with this Section.

Section 6- When requested by the Co-op to do so, the Union agrees to provide the Co-op with suitable forms for providing the new and terminated employee information described above.

Section 7- Any employee who is delinquent in payment of union dues or service fees shall be terminated within ten (10) days of a written notice from the union of such delinquency unless satisfactory evidence of the employee having paid such delinquent dues or fees is presented to the Co-op within the ten (10) day period.

Section 8- The Union shall indemnify the Co-op against any and all claims, demands, suits, or other forms of liability including but not limited to attorneys' fees and costs incurred to defend against such claims, demands, or suits that may arise out of or by reason of action taken or not taken by the Co-op for purposes of complying with any of the provisions of this Article.

Section 9- The Co-op agrees to honor and to transmit to the Union contributions made by payroll deductions to the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union Active Ballot Club from employees who are union members and who sign deduction authorization forms. The deductions shall be in the amounts and with the frequency specified on the political contribution deduction authorization cards. Such monies shall be remitted to the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local No. 1459, within thirty (30) days after the deduction is made.

ARTICLE 11 - GENERAL CONDITIONS

Section 1- In the event the Union has evidence which leads it to believe that an error has been made relating to rates of pay or the payment of accident and sickness insurance contributions, the Employer agrees to supply the Union, within seven (7) business days, payroll data regarding the particular claim.

Section 2-When a wage increase is due an Employee, it shall be paid as of the effective date of the pay change.

Section 3-Where Employees are required to attend Employer meetings or other programs outside their normally scheduled work hours, they shall be compensated for such meeting time at their normal rate of pay.

Section 4-Election Days-On the request of the Union or an Employee, the Employer will arrange the work schedule for a federal, state, or local government election day week so that those Employees with responsibilities shall not be prevented from having an opportunity to vote. The Employer is not required to consider any factors other than the employee's work schedule and the voting hours when evaluating an employee's opportunity to vote.

Section 5-Upon written request by an Employee, the Employer agrees to provide, within three business days, either the opportunity for the employee to review his/her individual personnel records or a written copy of the employee's personnel records.

ARTICLE 12 - SEPARABILITY (SAVINGS CLAUSE)

Section 1-Should any part hereof or any provision herein contained be rendered or declared illegal by reason of any existing or subsequently enacted legislation or by a decree of a court of competent jurisdiction such invalidation of such part or portion of this Agreement shall not invalidate the remaining portions hereof. Nothing herein shall be construed to replace or abridge the right of either party to appeal court or administrative decrees or decisions.

Section 2- In the event that any part or portion of this Agreement is declared illegal, the parties, upon the request of either party, shall enter into Collective Bargaining negotiations for the purpose of arriving at a mutually satisfactory replacement for such part or portion declared illegal.

ARTICLE 13 - JOB DESCRIPTION

The Employer shall provide to each Employee covered by this Agreement, and to each newly hired Employee, a copy of the Employee's job description. Whenever the Employer decides to change an existing bargaining unit job description or institute a new one, it shall meet to negotiate the changes with the Union.

ARTICLE 14 - JOB POSTINGS

All new or vacated bargaining unit positions for which the employee has given sufficient (i.e. two weeks) notice will be posted in the Co-op for at least seven calendar days before being offered to any external candidate. In the case of involuntary terminations or resignations without sufficient notice, the Co-op will post the position for at least three calendar days before being offered to any external candidate. The Union will be notified of any new postings.

The Co-op will hire the most qualified candidate. In cases where internal and external candidates are equally qualified, the Co-op will give preference to internal candidates.

ARTICLE 15 -TIME OFF POLICY

Requests to take time off from work must be approved in advance by the employee's supervisor. Requests must be submitted using the Time Off Request form. Requests that are received in a timely way [at least one week, or seven (7) calendar days, prior to the schedule publication date] will be approved on a first come, first-served basis, with priority given to employees who have accrued sufficient time off, and will not be unreasonably denied. In determining whether to approve a time-off request, supervisors may consider anticipated staffing needs, previous requests for the same date, and availability of other qualified staff.

Upon approving a time-off request, the supervisor will record the approval in a vacation calendar. Qualified employees may volunteer to cover an approved shift by submitting a Time Off Coverage form up to five (5) calendar days before the schedule publication date. The volunteering employee-with the most seniority in the department will be scheduled for the shift, provided the schedule does not put the employee into overtime or bump the employee into a different job classification.

In the event that no one eligible volunteers for a particular shift within five calendar days of the schedule publication date, the supervisor will alert qualified employees via email, text, or other mutually agreed upon means, and accept volunteers on a first come, first-served basis, taking into account overtime and job classification. If no one has volunteered within 48 hours of the alert, the supervisor will schedule a qualified, available employee on a reverse seniority basis. An employee will be considered available if s/he has not indicated that the shift hours are unavailable.

Schedules will take into account approved time off and will be published by the end of day on Thursday for the week beginning the following Sunday (10 days later).

ARTICLE 16 - EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT

Employees who work a minimum of ten hours in a week are eligible to receive an employee discount on eligible products (excluding beer, wine, consignment, and preorders). Non-member employees will receive a 20% discount at the store. Eligible employees who are also members of the Co-op will receive a 25% employee discount, provided that the employee signs a waiver permitting the standard equity payment to be deducted annually from their first paycheck, and each July thereafter, until their equity is paid in full. In addition, an employee may preorder eligible product at a 10% margin over the product's wholesale cost. This discount is for use by the employee. In addition, the employee's spouse and/or partner and the employee's immediate family if they share the same household as the employee are eligible for the store discount. It is not intended to be used by friends, roommates or others in a shared household, unless there is a bona fide food sharing arrangement to be determined upon hire, nor is it meant to be used by workers to purchase goods on behalf of others. This discount is limited to one household.

ARTICLE 17 - PERSONAL VEHICLE USE

Unless otherwise stated within an employee's job description, employees will not be required to use personal vehicles for the Co-op's business.

In the event an employee uses his or her own vehicle for Co-op business, the employee will submit a reimbursement form for mileage and will be reimbursed at the current IRS rate. Each mileage reimbursement form must be accompanied by documentation of miles traveled.

If an employee transports food in the course of performing Co-op business, the Co-op will provide appropriate materials to secure the food delivery (such as secure cases and a tarp, if necessary) to protect the employee's car. If, despite these precautions, delivered food damages the employee's car, the employee will be reimbursed for cleaning expenses. Both the Co-op and Co-op employees understand that accidental spills or breakage may happen. The Co-op agrees to absorb the cost of product loss due to accidental spills or breakage.

ARTICLE 18 - HOURS WORKED

The Co-op reserves the right to schedule employees in accordance with operational need, employee stated availability, and within the employee's classification.

Changes to an employee's schedule will be communicated to the employee on the 10-day advanced schedule.

No regular bargaining unit shift will be scheduled for less than four (4) hours in length, unless the employee agrees to a shorter shift. Such shifts less than 4 hours in length will include one 10-minute paid break.

ARTICLE 19 - LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

There will be a Labor/Management Committee, consisting of two (2) shop stewards, one (1) Union staff representative, and two (2) managerial representatives, who will be designated in writing by each party. Employees who serve as shop stewards will be paid for time in attendance at Committee meetings, up to a maximum of one and one half (1.5) hours at the employee's regular rate of pay.

The purpose of the Committee is to apprise each party of problems, concerns, and suggestions related to decisions impacting their work, all with the aim of promoting better understanding between the Co-op and the Union.

Committee meetings will be scheduled every other month or as mutually agreed to, and will be held at mutually agreeable times and places. A written agenda for each meeting will be prepared prior to the Committee meeting.

Such meetings will not be viewed as reopening the Agreement, as bargaining, or as a step in the Grievance procedure.

ARTICLE 20 - GRIEVANCE AND ARBITRATION POLICY

Section 1 – A grievance is a dispute between the parties as to: (1) the interpretation of any term of this Agreement, or (2) a claimed breach of this Agreement.

Section 2 - In order to promote and maintain the proper relationship between the Employer and the Union, all grievances relating to a violation of this Agreement will be brought to the attention of the other party promptly, and in no event later than fifteen (15) calendar days from its occurrence. Grievances must be in writing, signed by the grievant, and identify specifically the Article and/or Section of the contract in dispute. Failure to file a timely or complete grievance will result in waiver of the grievance.

Section 3 – Grievances against the Co-op must be submitted to the HR Representative. Following the timely receipt of a written grievance against the Co-op as outlined in Section 2, grievance resolution will proceed as follows:

Step One: The grievance will be discussed between the employee's supervisor or designee, the Shop Steward, and employee, in an attempt to settle the grievance. The supervisor will provide a written response to the Union within ten (10) calendar days of the Step One meeting.

Step Two: If the grievance is not resolved at Step One, the Union may appeal to the General Manager in writing within ten (10) calendar days. Within ten (10) calendar days of the appeal, the grievant and/or his/her designee will meet with the General Manager or his/her designee in an attempt to settle the grievance. The General Manager will provide a written response to the grievance within ten (10) calendar days of the Step Two meeting.

Step Three: Any disputes remaining following a Step Two meeting may be submitted for arbitration within twenty (20) calendar days of the Step Two response. Failure to timely file for arbitration will result in waiver of further action. Notice of intent to arbitrate will be served by certified mail.

Section Four: Following the receipt of a written grievance against the Union as outlined in Section 2, the Co-op will meet with a Union representative and, as appropriate, a Union steward in an attempt to settle the grievance. The Union will provide a written response to the Co-op within ten (10) calendar days, and the Co-op may appeal by proceeding to Step Three as outlined in Section Three.

Section Five: Failure by a grievant to meet any deadlines outlined in this Article will constitute a waiver of the dispute and further action will be barred. If a respondent fails to meet a response deadline, the grievant may proceed to the next Step.

Section Six: The parties will mutually agree upon an arbitrator, who will hear and determine the case. The arbitrator may not add to, delete from, amend, or in any way disregard the terms of this Agreement. The decision of the arbitrator will be final and binding on all parties. Each party is responsible for its own attorney's fees, witnesses, and transcript expenses. The parties will share the arbitrator's fee equally.

ARTICLE 21 - DISCIPLINE AND DISCHARGE

To the extent reasonably possible, disciplinary matters will be discussed away from other employees or customers.

No employee shall be disciplined or discharged without just cause.

ARTICLE 22 - VACATION

All bargaining unit employees are eligible to accrue vacation time based on the number of hours actually worked and years of service, subject to conditions within the Employee Handbook not otherwise modified within this Agreement.

Full-time employees (average of 35+ hours per week) accrue at a rate of 2% of hours worked in the first year; 4% in the second through fourth years; 5% in the fifth through tenth years; and 7% in years after ten years of service.

Half and part-time employees (average of fewer than 35 hours per week) begin accruing vacation time on the first anniversary of their date of hire, at a rate of 2% of hours worked in the second year and 4% of hours worked in years after the second year of service.

As outlined in the Employee Handbook, no employee may accrue more than two of the employee's workweeks of additional vacation time in excess of the amount the employee is allowed to accrue within one year. An employee who has reached his or her cap will cease accruing time until the employee takes at least one week of vacation off.

ARTICLE 23 - WAGES

Employees will earn a wage increase of 2% in each year of the contract, effective on the employee's anniversary of hire.

Transition Provision: Employees who already received an annual pay increase between the start of the new fiscal year (July 1, 2017) and the date of ratification will receive a back-dated wage adjustment equal to the difference between the first year wage increase in this Article and the wage increase provided at the employee's 2017 anniversary date. This provision will sunset on January 5, 2018.

Transition Provision: With the exception of employees earning a Livable Wage at the time of ratification, employees will earn a wage adjustment effective the date of ratification. Employees

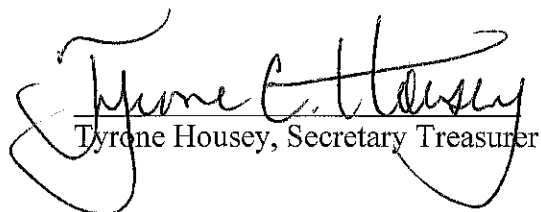
employed less than one year will receive a wage adjustment of 0.75%. Employees employed more than one year but less than two years will receive a wage adjustment of 1.00%. Employees employed more than two years but less than four years will receive a wage adjustment of 1.25%. Employees employed four years or more will receive a 1.50% wage increase. This provision will sunset on January 5, 2018.

ARTICLE 24 - DURATION

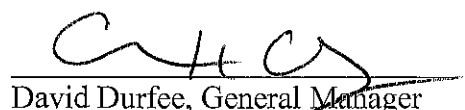
The Terms of this agreement shall be in effect from January 5, 2018 through January 4, 2021, except as provided in Article 23 (back dated wage adjustments).

Dated at Williamstown, MA, this 12th day of January, 2018.

For the Union:


Tyrone Housey, Secretary Treasurer

For the Co-op:


David Durfee, General Manager

APPENDIX A

The parties agree that, unless modified elsewhere within this agreement, the benefits outlined in the Wild Oats Employee Policy Manual (dated December 2015) Section III (“Benefits”) and Section IV (“Paid and Unpaid Leave Benefits”) and Section II in part (“Livable Wage”) will be maintained at current levels, subject to eligibility guidelines as outlined in the Employee Policy Manual and any corresponding Summary Plan Descriptions.

Any changes will be subject to negotiations between the parties.

APPENDIX B

The parties agree that, for the duration of this agreement, Employees on Livable Wage will suffer no loss of wages should Livable Wage go down. Employees on Livable Wage will receive, on their anniversary, the new Livable Wage rate or a two percent (2%) increase, whichever is greater.

Memorandum of Agreement

This Memorandum of Agreement memorializes that on 12/18/20 the membership of UFCW Local 1459 at Wild Oats Market voted to extend their current Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA), which currently expires on January 4th, 2021, for six (6) months. This extension of the current CBA will last until July 4th, 2021, at which point UFCW Local 1459 and Wild Oats Market will meet to begin negotiations for a successor collective bargaining agreement. The CBA will remain in full force and effect during the extension, and there shall be no change in the wages, hours and conditions of employment, except as already provided in the CBA, of any bargaining unit employee due to the extension of the CBA.

For Wild Oats Market:

Netselgeye Lytle
Name

[Signature]
Signature

12/23/2020
Date

For UFCW Local 1459:

Crystal Bouchie
Name

[Signature]
Signature

12/23/2020
Date

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From: [Kotulski, Lindsey E.](#)
To: gm@wildoats.coop
Subject: Wild Oats Cooperative; 01-RD-278408
Date: Monday, June 14, 2021 9:08:00 AM
Attachments: [PET.01-RD-278408.RD Petition Wiz \(1\).pdf](#)
Importance: High

Good morning Netse,

I have been assigned the above petition. Please give me a call to discuss whether the Employer will be represented by counsel in this matter.

Thank you,

Lindsey

Lindsey E. Kotulski, Field Attorney
NLRB
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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
To: [Kotulski, Lindsey E.](#)
Subject: Re: Wild Oats Cooperative; 01-RD-278408
Date: Monday, June 14, 2021 10:07:01 AM

Hello Lindsey,

Thanks for reaching out. I am writing you to inform you and your office that I am unable to deliver the original showing of interest within the deadline, as I am currently (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) for two weeks. I didn't realize there would be a deadline for that as everything on the site while I was e-filing led me to believe the process would take some time.

I can have someone mail the showing of interest to you, but it still will not be there within two days.

Thank you for your understanding.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

On Mon, Jun 14, 2021, 9:20 AM Kotulski, Lindsey E. <Lindsey.Kotulski@nlrb.gov> wrote:

Hi (b) (6), (b) (7)(C),

I just tried to call you at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to introduce myself, but the call did not go through. Please give me a call to discuss the attached petition at your earliest convenience.

Thank you!

Lindsey

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Re: Wild Oats Cooperative Inc.
Case 01-RD-278408

Dear Mr. Lytle:

This is to advise you that the Petitioner's request to withdraw the petition in the above case has been approved.

Very truly yours,

Paul J. Murphy
Acting Regional Director

By: *Michael C. Cass*

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